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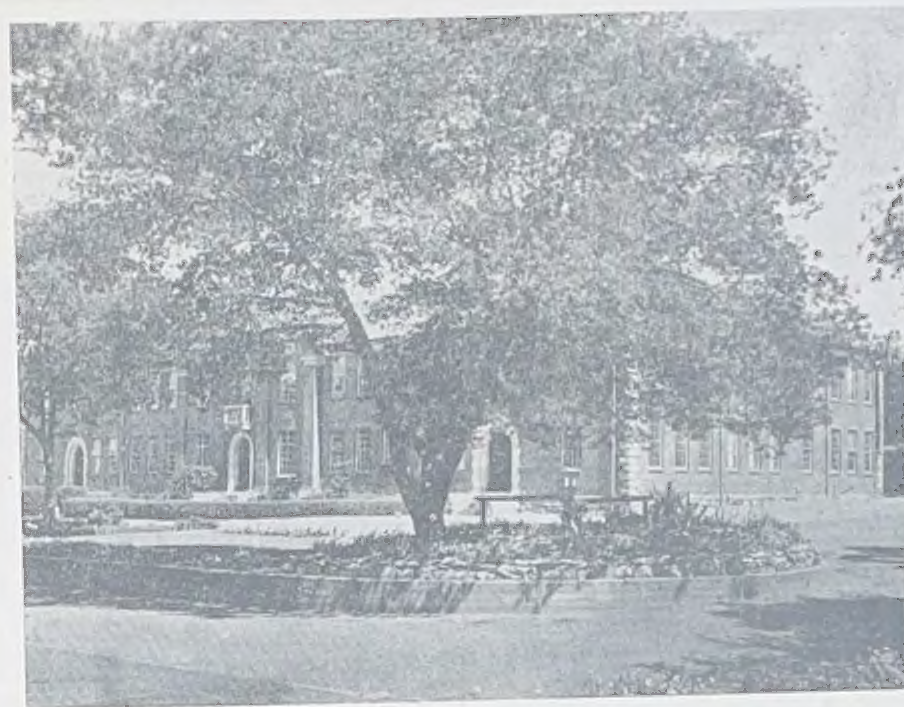
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Editorial

THE third term was a busy one for everyone at school, as the rugby, athletics, tennis, cadet and dramatic notes will remind you. It was busy also for the editor. But the point we wish to make at once is that the success of the magazine does not depend very much on the editor: it depends almost entirely on you, the boys of this school.

It cannot be said that you have not tried. Although some of the higher forms had little to offer, the editor was overwhelmed by a mass of contributions. A lot of what has been printed is reportage of school or current events and is in some cases very well done; but we would like to see in the future more imaginative work, short stories, sketches, poems (not necessarily humorous). These are the things which make a school magazine—or any magazine—worth reading and they can be produced by boys of this school. We do not believe that, as it was recently reported, the modern school-boy imagines the three R's to be rugby, racing and wrestling, that he has become a coddled little savage incapable of thinking beyond the coloured supplement or sports page of the newspaper. The modern school-boy has indeed had his full share of unkind criticism — girls somehow escape — and one is sometimes afraid that he might accept this verdict of himself, take the challenge lying down, and forget that all the great writers, thinkers and poets have been, and are, men, grown-up schoolboys. Adults of all ages have found fault with the young of their day, sometimes for not being precisely what they are accused of being today; do not therefore despair. You have, however, been accused of being sport-mad, unable to have an idea of your own or put it in writing. You have been accused of being illiterate. Accept the challenge.

We thank Mr. Robinson and Mr. Vos for judging the literary contributions.

Our last editorial ended on a brief note of thanks to all advertisers who had supported our magazine and made it financially possible. We should like to enlarge on that now. Only the wealthiest schools can today afford to produce their magazines without outside help. Such were the costs of production that even with our advertisements and the sale of the magazine we were

last year unable to cover the cost of printing. Without the generous support of advertisers, the magazine would have been an impossibility. We must therefore add to what we said last year — that a school magazine is the result of a combined effort of pupil, parent and teacher — it owes its existence also to the business and professional men, the traders, electricians, plumbers, manufacturers, all our well-wishers and friends in and out of Germiston.

HEADMASTER'S REPORT

1952, our second year as a boys' High School, has been a year without any particular highlights, but not without difficulties.

There have been several staff changes in the course of the year, and a shortage of accommodation which has prevented our taking all the boys who should have come to us. A complete Standard VI class has had to remain at its old primary school, Germiston Central.

Staff Changes.

Since our last Magazine was published we have lost Mr. Fox, Mr. Volbrecht, Mr. van Niekerk, Mr. Boer, Mr. Hoklen and Mr. Annandale from our permanent staff. Mr. Boer made a complete change and is now busy (and very happy, he tells me) as a psychologist, carrying out aptitude tests amongst mine natives. Mr. Annandale went to Rhodesia to teach, while others moved on to Pretoria or Johannesburg. We are grateful to them all for their services to this school. They carry our best wishes for their future.

At the end of the present term we have to bid farewell to Mr. Davis, who is exchanging the tense atmosphere of the Reef for the pastoral charms of Potchefstroom. He will be missed from the class-room, the cricket-field and the chess-table. We wish him every success.

To offset our losses we have so far recruited only two permanent members of staff, Mr. W. A. D. Phillips and Mr. B. Meyers, who are very welcome amongst us and who have already shown that they are real enthusiasts for the school.

We have been saved from academic disaster by having had the services, as tem-

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porary masters for a part or for all of the year, of Mr. C. L. Brink, Mr. E. Wainman, Mr. J. W. Behrens, Mr. C. J. Nel, Mr. T. J. Roux, Mr. G. H. le Roux, Mr. A. Oosthuizen, Dr. J. Venter, Mr. J. A. Worsley, and Mr. P. F. R. Scholtz (who was seconded to us from the Eendrag School).

They are all welcome in our midst.

Several of these temporary masters are pensioners. The prospects for the future permanent staffing of the school are frightening. We share with other English-medium schools the growing shortage of teachers. Post after post has been advertised without result.

Amongst our own boys there is virtually no interest in teaching as a career. Last year no boy from this school took up a teacher-training course; and none of this year's matriculants intends to do so.

Since June of this year, we have had no specialist teacher for commercial subjects in the top classes. Fortunately, we have been able to send our boys of Forms V and IV for their lessons in these subjects to the Afrikaans Hoërskool. We are grateful to the Inspectors and to Mr. Zietsman for having made this arrangement possible.

Bursaries.

It is pleasant to be able to report that our Municipality has decided to make two additional bursaries available for pupils of the local High Schools who intend to become teachers. I earnestly hope that next year, and in every future year, this school will have at least three or four of its matriculants competing for these bursaries.

The School congratulates Mr. P. C. Jacobs, Head Prefect here in 1950, on having won our own bursary for teacher-training. "Commie" Jacobs is now in his second year at Witwatersrand University. His bursary is the one sponsored by our Parents' Committee.

Examination Results.

We had a satisfactory result in the last Matriculation examination, despite the important changes of staff at the beginning of 1951 (when the Girls' High School was established). Our boys did outstandingly well in Geography, and again achieved a result well above the average in Afrikaans.

All the boys who took the Lower Taalbond examination towards the end of last year were successful, and several of them passed in the Higher Grade.

The Parents' Committee.

This year, some fathers have shared the work of the ever-helpful Parents' Committee with the ladies. At the beginning of the year Mrs. E. McCrindle retired from the chair after several years of outstanding service, but she has remained an active worker for the school. At the annual meeting in February, Mr. C. J. de W. Venter became Chairman, and Mrs. D. Dean Vice-Chairman, with Mrs. A. J. Davies as Secretary. The Committee, small but very loyal, has continued to raise money for the War Memorial Fund and for the Bursary Fund. The members have worked hard in organizing a Cake Sale, a Teen-Agers Dance, and a Games Evening, refreshments for our two Sports Days and the annual concert, and cricket lunches and teas for the Saturday matches.

The School is indeed grateful to the mothers and fathers who form the Committee. They have given unselfishly of their time and their work; and their gifts in kind, for all our functions, have been most generous.

I hope that next year we shall see more parents joining them in their grand work for the School.

The War Memorial Fund.

Parents and pupils will be encouraged to learn that the War Memorial Fund has this year passed the £2,000 mark. This figure brings our Pavilion and fitting Memorial a little nearer to reality. But, with doubts about £ for £ grants for such projects being available in anything like the near future, it is obvious that we shall still have to make great efforts in order to bring our Memorial into being.

Buildings and Grounds.

Plans for the extension of the School building are now complete and we hope to see construction work started early next year. The new block, costing over £50,000, will give us all the class-room space and other amenities (including a large library, two manual training centres, an art-room,

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and an extra laboratory) that the School is likely to need for a long time. The object of the plans is to provide a building capable of taking 750 pupils.

In the meantime, it seems most unlikely that we shall be able to take, in 1953, all the boys from the local primary schools, who have progressed to Standard Six.

We are gradually extending the rugby ground area into a cricket ground of suitable size. Local industrial firms have helped us materially by dumping ash and soil, and deserve our warm thanks.

We have been promised changing-rooms with shower-baths for the cricket-rugby ground, but the Administration appears to have some difficulty, owing to the numerous calls on its labour, in getting the work started.

On behalf of the School, I should like to thank the members of our Governing Body for all their work in bringing the needs of the School to the notice of the authorities.

The Old Germistonian Society.

The Old Germistonians are to be congratulated on the great social success of their year, the first O.G. Annual Ball, held at the City Hall in March.

We thank the Society for its continued interest in the School: we are particularly grateful to the Old Pupils for their gift of a fine picture, to be hung in the Library.

I appeal to all boys who are leaving to join the Society. A flourishing ex-pupils' association is one of the signs of a good tone in any school.

Old Boys' Successes.

The School has been proud to hear of the distinctions won this year by two of its

former pupils, Dr. Sydney Brenner and Allan Jay. To a long list of scholastic successes, Dr. Brenner has now added the award of a research scholarship at Oxford, to the value of £1,000, while Allan Jay won a Gold Medal in his final year at Witwatersrand University and a valuable Chamber of Mines Scholarship, permitting him to study in any overseas country of his choice.

Vernon Smith, last year's Dux Scholae, is also to be congratulated on having won the 1952 Voortrekker Centenary Bursary for English-speaking matriculants. This Bursary is awarded annually by the Germiston Municipality on the results of the Matriculation examination. Vernon is now taking an engineering course at Witwatersrand University.

Best House Trophy

This year we have introduced a competition for a trophy to be awarded annually to the best House, taking a wide range of school activities into account. The Germiston Rotary Club has kindly promised a carved eland's head as the trophy.

The competition will be settled by counting points for school work as reflected on the mark-sheet at the end of each of the first three terms of a year, as well as points for all the organized games, cadet competitions and debating.

Every boy in the school is brought into the scheme through the Work Cup, for which every aggregate mark on every mark-sheet is counted in order to arrive at the House scores.

The complete system for allocating points is given below:—

POINTS SCHEDULE:

	June exam.	March	Sept.	Maximum
(a) for School Work				
1st House - - - -	40	20	20	
2nd House - - - -	24	12	12	80
3rd House - - - -	12	6	6	
4th House - - - -	4	2	2	

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(b) for Other Activities

	Shooting	Shooting	Rugby	Cricket	Athletics	Tennis	Debating	Chess
				Seniors	Juniors			
1st House ---	40	10	30	20	10	20	10	10
2nd House ---	24	6	18	12	6	12	6	6
3rd House ---	12	3	9	6	3	6	3	3
4th House ---	4	1	3	2	1	2	1	1
Maximum ---	40	10	30	20	10	20	10	10

∴ Maximum for other activities = 160.

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for (a) and (b) }

Additional Activities

There may be future additions to "Other Activities" (e.g. Boxing or Swimming Competitions). To include any such possibilities in the scheme, the points for school work would have to be increased, to keep the present proportion of 1 for Work and 2 for Other Activities.

Examinations

Matriculation 1951

The following boys were successful in the Transvaal Secondary School Certificate Examination at the end of last year:—

First Class:

Edward Roland Jordan (Distinction in Geography); Charlie Orbach (Distinction in Mathematics, Bookkeeping & Commercial Arithmetic); John Vernon Smith (Distinction in Geography).

Pass:

George Anagnostu; Paul Louis Andrew; Ronald Graham Buchel; Desmond van Blommestein Deyzel; David Morris Ginsberg; Panagiotis Giorgios Katakuzinos; Ernest Mark Mather; John Reed Pells; Brian Pullock; Thomas William Rogers; Barry Saffer; Colin Cyril Sher; Samuel Joseph Toooh; Jacobus Casparus Willemse (Distinction in Afrikaans).

Vernon Smith was Dux Scholae for 1951.

Desmond Deyzel was winner of the **Old Germistonian Cup**, awarded annually to the best all-rounder in Form Five. The Cup is given for proficiency in work and games, qualities of leadership and general contributions to the life of the school. Deyzel was Head Prefect, Captain of Rugby, and runner-up in the competition for Best Student Officer.

Afrikaans Examination Results:

In October 1951, the following boys were

successful in the Lower Taalbond Examination:

G. Anagnostu; A. Beer; D. Deyzel*; E. Jordan*; P. Katakuzinos; J. Pells; G. Robertson*; B. Saffer; C. Sher; P. Shone; V. Smith*; S. Toooh; J. Willemse*.
(* Hoër Graad pass)

Bilingual Awards

Two of our boys, V. Smith and J. Willemse, reached a standard of bilingualism in the Matriculation Examination that would have entitled them to merit awards from the Transvaal Education Department if they had been taking up teaching as their profession. These awards indicate that the candidates concerned have obtained a good mark for English and more than 65% for Afrikaans.

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In Memoriam

We learned with deep regret of the sudden death of Mr. A. A. Mitchell, on October 28th.

Mr. Mitchell was a good friend of the School. At the time of his death he was a member of our Governing Body, on which he had served for several years and of which, two years ago, he was Chairman.

He was throughout his period as a Governor greatly interested in the welfare and progress of the School.

To Mrs. Mitchell, Doreen and Aubrey, the School offers its very sincere sympathy.

School Diary, 1952 First Term

January:

8. School re-opened after all too short a vacation.
17. A splendid mace for the cadet band, a gift to the school from Mr. E. A. Hodgkinson, was handed to the head prefect by the Headmaster.
19. In honour of the arrival of the Jan van Riebeeck Coach, a grand procession through the city, our boys taking a prominent part.

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21. Half holiday. The School lined Chapman Road to see and cheer the Germiston Tercentenary Coach — saw and wildly cheered various bewildered delivery boys—nearly too hoarse to cheer when the coach arrived, preceded by two horsemen in corduroys and long-feathered hats. Mr. Robinson signed a book, a silver trumpet shrilled, and the coach rolled on.

February:

6. Death of King George VI. We heard the news as we were leaving school. All games cancelled.
7. Memorial Service at School Assembly for the late King.
8. Proclamation of new Queen. The School gathered in the hall to hear a broadcast of this impressive ceremony.
15. A platoon of our cadets represented all cadets in the city at a Civic Memorial Service for the late King.
20. Last year's head prefect, D. Deyzel, returned briefly to receive the Old Germistonian Trophy and place it on the already over-crowded Churchill House shelf.

March:

1. The new turf wicket was to have been officially opened, with the Mayor bowling the first ball after lunch in a match against Springs High School. But the pitch which had withstood the menace of rugby boots and a direct hit by lightning, played us false after heavy overnight rain, and could not be used. The match was played on matting and the teams enjoyed their lunch with the Mayor.
8. Turf wicket used for first time, in match against Athlone High School.
10. Mr. W. K. Whyte spoke to the School on Courtesy Week and Road Safety. The Parents' Committee awarded the G.B.H.S. Bursary for Teacher Training to P. C. Jacobs, a former head prefect.
13. Form V held a cake and candy sale, the second in the five terms since the

girls left us. A ravaging horde, headed by Mr. Davis, descended upon the cake table and cleared it in a very short time. This brought in £2 for the War Memorial Fund.

25. Bridge and beetle drive organised by the Parents' Committee whom we thank for a noisy and most enjoyable evening. £12 to War Memorial Fund.
28. End of term.
30. A party of six boys left for Cape Town for the van Riebeeck Fair, where in the Flower of Youth procession A. Braid represented Germiston.

Second Term

April:

8. Term opened officially.
28. Extra-mural activities re-commenced in accordance with the policy of the Transvaal Teachers' Association.
29. Forms Four and Five learned about mining as a career from a representative of the Chamber of Mines.

May:

- 12-14. A panel of five inspectors visited us.
3. Saturday school — in order to have a holiday on Friday, 23rd.
21. Old Germistonians held their annual meeting and social in the School Hall.

June:

4. Hot dogs for sale by Form IVA who raised £5-8-0 for curtains for their form room.
6. The Johannesburg City Orchestra visited the school and gave an excellent concert, the music being introduced by Mr. G. Fagan most interestingly.
18. Rugby match between Masters-Prefects and The Rest, watched in gleeful anticipation by the largest crowd of boys ever to watch a school game.
20. Cake and Candy sale. This time Form 2A raised £6-11-0 for the War Memorial Fund.
23. The start of what every boy looks forward to — June examinations.
27. End of Term.

July:

25. A large party of boys met in Johan-

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Third Term

29. School re-opened.

August:

18. A party of boys went to Chubbs in Wadeville where they were shown safes of all sizes and in all stages of production. Our boys were especially intrigued by a combination lock which boasted one million possible combinations.
23. Parents' Committee held Cake Sale outside the Germiston Library and raised £16-10-0 for School Funds.
25. Twelve boys went to the City Hall to take part in an Essay Competition run by the Germiston Publicity Association. The mental strain undergone there was compensated for by tea with the Mayor.
27. Band Competition, Johannesburg.
28. Cross Country Races.

September:

1. Rugby match against a good XV from Grey College, Bloemfontein. The teams enjoyed lunch with the Mayor and a visit to the Rietfontein Mine.
- 5-11. Form Five wrote trial Matriculation examinations.
6. Sharpshooting at the range. Two teams took part in the Near East Rand Cadet Bisley, our senior team winning the shield.
12. First preliminary events of the Sports.
13. A team took part in the Witwatersrand Command Cadet Bisley held at the Wemmer Range. Our band led a procession in Edenvale as part of its Jubilee celebrations.
18. School Concert.
22. School Sports.
23. Six boys had the day off school to go to Benoni to rehearse their play in the City Hall. In the evening they produced it as part of the Benoni Play Festival.
- 23-24. Inter-House Tennis tournament.
24. Mr. R. Bone from the Johannesburg Normal College spoke to Form Five on teaching as a career.

26. The Inter-School Athletic Sports Meeting at Delville. School closed for this event.

In the evening the Old Germistonians held a braai and square dance in the School grounds. Term ended.

Fourth Term

7. School re-opened.
9. Photograph Day for all first teams. Teenagers' Dance — organised by the Parents' Committee, held in the Supper Room of the City Hall, and enjoyed by all.

The School Library

NOTHING spectacular has happened in, or about, the Library this year. It has been a quiet time, as perhaps one should expect in such a place.

The new system of issuing books is working well; the double check ensures that fewer books can go astray and not be quickly traced. Some of the books are showing signs of much use, and are becoming tattered. These will soon have to be replaced. The Library Section of the Education Department has rebound 55 volumes free of any cost to us and we are very grateful to them. The Department also gives us a sum of £40 every year with which to buy library books; it seems a fairly adequate sum, but for £40 only a few dozen books can be bought, and it is divided between English and Afrikaans books and periodicals.

Interest in the periodicals is being kept up. Each day at second break the chairs are all occupied by boys looking at the various magazines, under the eye of the Library Prefect, A. Day, assisted by K. D. Allan.

We feel that more use could be made of the Reference Section. There are many excellent books of reference which are not put to their best use; this applies also in some measure to the Staff. However, in an effort to make the Staff "reference conscious," books more likely to be used by the masters are to be moved to the Staff Room.

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It is a pity that owing to lack of accommodation the library has often to be used as a classroom. It is not a very satisfactory place in which to teach and it means also that not all the classes in the school are able to use the library as a library.

We end this report with a request: When you return a book to the shelves, place it there upright; it keeps the shelves looking much more tidy.

W.A.D.P.

Dramatic Society

THERE is not as much to report on this year as we should have liked. Play production requires a sustained effort for some weeks and the third term was so crowded with school activities that one of the plays being prepared for the concert had to be dropped. Only one play and one short sketch were produced this year. Apart from this we have been disappointed at the small number of boys coming forward voluntarily to take part in plays. Most boys appear reluctant to appear on a public stage either because they are too bashful or believe they lack some special gift possessed only by actors or because they think there is something unmanly about taking part in a play. This last attitude is ridiculous and needs no further comment. As to the first, it is precisely in the building up of poise and self-confidence that acting is so valuable; and as to those mysterious qualities needed for an actor—they are only the ability to concentrate, do a little hard work and use a little imagination. We believe that ninety per cent of our boys can successfully and usefully take part in school plays. It does entail a little hard work, but nothing worthwhile can be achieved without it and the reward on the night of production is great. Butterflies may flutter wildly in your stomach, but there are few things in the life of a schoolboy to excel in exhilaration that of "taking the stage." The stage is yours and the audience in the palm of your hand.

Our "stage"—inverted commas are still necessary—has been improved by the addition of extra floor space and footlights, constructed by members of the staff to whom we are most grateful. Mr. Wainman has also made us our own fireplace. Further

improvements to the stage are being planned and we hope they will help to attract more boys to this side of school life.

As to what has been produced this year: A short sketch, "The Ghost Trade," was staged by M. Reynierse and P. Trant who had some delightful lines to deliver. The play was also, oddly enough, about ghosts. For their acting in "The Purple Bedroom" E. Kristal and J. Taylor deserve special mention. Both have good stage personalities and acted with assurance, which drew generous praise from the adjudicator at the Benoni Play Festival. R. Phillips, too, did excellently—when he remembered his lines. I. de Vries once more was competently female, but we hope to see him next as the villain (male). D. Strydom did well, but must remember to speak to his audience rather than to his feet. At the play festival mentioned above our cast did very well, although the pace was inexplicably slower than it had ever been before.

Our thanks and congratulations go to those parents who so generously provided the costumes; they were a delight to both players and audience. We thank also Mrs. Phillips and Mr. Taylor who took our actors to Benoni.

Finally, we are grateful to the Girls' High School for the loan of their fireplace.

A.D.

The School Concert

The concert was not staged during the second term as it was thought the weather would be too cold; but when it did take place on Thursday, 18th September, it was very nearly the coldest day of the year. We want, therefore, immediately to thank those ladies who served tea during the interval.

The Wilson Wizards had the unenviable task of starting the programme and they were followed by a good display of vocal and instrumental talent. The singing of P. J. Bates and F. Simmonds formed a pleasant contrast, the voice of the latter being unusually rich and powerful for a boy of his size. Our head prefect, L. de Kock, surprised and pleased everybody with his hobo entertainment. Of M. Bay's piano playing

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it need only be said that he broadcast on the following day. A new feature of the concert was the compèring of Mr. Haffern; we hope that he is as jolly and light-hearted in the classroom as on the stage.

The solo items were good but many thought it a pity that there were not more group items. Far more boys should take part in a school concert; of the 500 in our school, only seventeen contributed to the entertainment. Incidentally, over 100 girls took part in the Girls' High concert last year, and a very good concert it was too. In addition to solo items we should therefore like to see and hear next year at least two plays, some sketches and a large, rousing choir.

A.D.

Debating Society

Chairman: H. Rose-Innes.

Secretary: N. Smith.

Committee members: C. Davidson, A. C. G. McRae.

OUR first meeting this year was distinguished by one unusual feature—over fifty were present. This is a good number for a day school but the attendance at subsequent meetings dropped steadily until at one of the last debates we had to shanghai a number of detention-lovers in order to have anything like an audience. This was despite the improved standard of debating and the fact that most of the debates were run on an inter-house competition basis.

More debates have been held this year than last, speeches have on the whole been better prepared and more confidently delivered. On the other hand, speaking from the floor has been practically non-existent. This may be because in the inter-house debates only the speeches of the official debaters were judged; but that should not discourage others from standing up and making fighting speeches.

In the inter-house debates you can play your part even if you do not intend speaking, for your vote will help your house. In deciding these debates 30% of the points are decided by votes, on a proportional basis; that is, if there are 30 in the audience each vote counts as one point for your house. The other 70% of the points are

allotted by judges, according to the speakers' confidence, debating ability, use of logic and vocabulary. Careful preparation and ability to deliver speeches with as little reference to notes as possible are most important. A few speakers spoil otherwise excellent contributions by reading them straight from their notes. The house competition was won this year by Montgomery House with Botha House as runners-up.

Among those who did well in debates were S. Dorfan, J. Nicolson, G. Green, L. Gordon, T. J. Sherman, H. Rosenberg, E. Kristal and D. Baker, the only boy from Form Three who took part in any of the year's debates. Form Three boys were also noticeably absent from the audience.

As a result of the debates we now know that Britain is not on the decline, that boxing is not legalised murder, that an academic education is of some value, that one human being is never justified in killing another and that international sport does foster international goodwill.

I want to congratulate H. Rose-Innes on his able conducting of the debates and thank N. Smith for keeping the minutes. Finally, I thank those members of staff who helped judge our inter-house debates.

A.D.

Music Society

As last year, we are continuing with our weekly record recitals. The attendance is quite good—an average of 30 boys. However, the time for holding the recitals is not a good one and next year we must try to do something more constructive, such as an afternoon recital. We all appreciated the visit of the Johannesburg Municipal Orchestra and we certainly enjoyed the instructive programme. This was the first sight and sound many boys had had of a real, live orchestra and they certainly learnt a lot.

W.T.H.

Students' Christian Association

OUR branch has been fairly active, although not as active as we would have liked it to be. Like most other societies, we suffer from the complaint of trying to

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fit our programme into a crowded week, but we shall persist in our efforts to live up to our motto: "Fac Jesum Regem." One of the most notable things in our branch is the good support we have from our senior boys and the appalling lack of support from our juniors. While in many ways it is commendable that the seniors support us well, the lack of enthusiasm of the younger ones does not indicate a healthy outlook for the future. I would suggest to the juniors that they support this association which is striving to teach the Christian way of life as expressed in the commandment "Love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul and with all thy strength and with all thy mind." We are trying to bring back the spiritual values which seem to have been lost in this modern age.

Some of the speakers we have had were Major Harrington (ex-British Army in India), Miss M. Nash (Travelling Secretary for S.C.A.), Mr. Katz (British Mission to Jews). Once a month we have held joint meetings with the branch of the Girls' High School and in September we attended a picnic arranged for all S.C.A. branches in Reef schools. All enjoyed themselves and it was good to be able to meet the boys and girls from other schools. Earlier in the year, our branch combined with the Girls' High branch to conduct services in two of the local churches on the Students' Day of Prayer.

As we come to the end of another year, we are thankful for those boys who have been loyal supporters and we do pray that God has blessed them and the school as a whole through the S.C.A.

W.T.H.

The Chess Club

Last year the Club had its ups and downs but we struggled on valiantly. This year, however, things have been running more smoothly.

Last term House matches were organised and were played amidst great excitement.

The following were the results:—

1. Montgomery (Captain: D. Clarke), 13 pts.
2. Botha (Captain: A. Liebman), 12½ pts.

3. Churchill (Captain: L. Klingman), 8 pts.

4. Smuts (Captain: I. Brenner), 2½ pts.

Towards the end of the third term the individual championships were played off.

In the Senior Final, A. Liebman beat D. Baker. In the Junior Final, I. Brenner beat A. Liebman.

The positions on the school ladder at the end of the third term was as follows:—

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|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1. A. Liebman. | 16. N. le Roux |
| 2. D. Clarke. | 17. D. Larnder. |
| 3. R. Shepherd. | 18. J. Williams. |
| 4. I. Brenner. | 19. C. Mountford |
| 5. H. Brand. | 20. E. Nestadt |
| 6. H. Elias. | 21. R. Williams. |
| 7. E. Kristal. | 22. B. Connellan. |
| 8. S. Green. | 23. D. Wilson. |
| 9. H. Hahn. | 24. J. Maycock. |
| 10. K. Rusch. | 25. L. Marnewicke. |
| 11. B. Levinthal. | 26. H. Hayes. |
| 12. J. Doig. | 27. G. Ford. |
| 13. A. Handcock. | 28. G. Holborn. |
| 14. D. Johnstone. | 29. R. Elrix. |
| 15. F. Simmonds. | 30. L. Zollberg. |

On behalf of the Chess Club, I wish to thank Mr. Davis for everything he has done for us. We greatly appreciate it.

D.C. (IVA).

CADETS**Officers**

Commandant H. C. Robinson, M.B.E., Officer Commanding; Commandant C. L. Wapenaar, E.D., Second in Command; Lieutenant A. L. Southall, Adjutant/Quartermaster / Bandmaster; Lieutenant W. T. Haffern, Company Commander "A" Coy.; Captain P. A. Vos, Company Commander "B" Coy.; Lieutenant R. J. Webb, Company Commander "C" Coy.; Lieutenant E. J. Du Plessis, Det. Commander Central School; Lieutenant W. A. D. Phillips, Range Officer; 2/Lt. B. Meyers, Second in Command "C" Coy.

Student Officers

A. C. Roberts, J. Gouws, T. Sherman, L. de Kock, M. Kessel, E. Sprout, H. Matus, A. Braid, E. Thomas, J. Smit, N. Smith, V. D'Oliveira, J. Baird.

Drum-Major: D. Wilson.

THE past twelve months have been characterised by a great deal of activity in the cadet detachment.

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member was Mitchell, who, as smartest cadet of the band, reached the finals of the competition for the smartest cadet in Witwatersrand Command and was only narrowly beaten by a boy from Brakpan High.

A short while later the band was again called on for a civic function. This was the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the founding of Edenvale and again the band did very well, leading a procession through the town.

An innovation this year has been the formation of a 13th platoon which has paraded each week at Germiston Central School. This platoon has been trained by Lt. du Plessis assisted by S/O Baird and Sergt. Botes, and entered the competition

1st other platoons of "C" Company. We are very grateful to the Principal of Germiston Central School for making this arrangement possible.

A.L.S.

Shooting 1952

SHOOTING at this school has made a definite advance this year. A range squad has been created, and for the first time, elementary instruction in shooting has been given during the cadet periods.

Our senior team did very well for themselves, winning the Near East Rand Bisley, as well as coming eighth in the Witwatersrand Command Bisley, with an aggregate

BISLEY TEAM, 1952



Front row: V. V. D'Oliveira, G. Green (Captain), Lt. W. A. D. Phillips, M. Isaacs, R. B. Deakin
Second row: D. Davies, E. Kristal, J. King, L. Thompson, A. MacComachie, K. Allan

only just over 2% below that of the winners, K.E.S.

I would like to congratulate Monty Isaacs, who struck magnificent form before the Near East Rand Bisley and won the Senior Individual Cup, and kept it up at the Command Bisley, where it was only due to bad luck that he was not very high up in the running for the Command Individual Cup.

We at the school give thanks to Mr. Phillips for the hard work and great amount of time he has given to school shooting this year. Presiding over G.B.H.S. shooting can be, and is very nerve-racking, as well as shortening a master's afternoon very much.

The Imperial Challenge Shield competition and the inter-house shooting competition have been run in conjunction with each other this year, so that every boy has had some influence on his house's score.

The most important part of shooting, as of cricket, rugby, tennis or any other sport, is practice — and lots of it. All boys who would like to shoot for the school must realise that that is the only way to improve. It is hard on the range we have at the moment, but we hope for a very much bigger and better range.

In closing, I would like to thank Mr. Southall for handling the Bisley Squad at Wemmer Pan, on September 13th, and also Davies, Jordan and the others of the range squad who helped us so effectively this year.

G. S. Green.

Senior Bisley Team 1952

G. Green (Capt.), R. Deakin, D. Davies, J. King, L. Thompson, M. Isaacs, K. Allan, A. MacConachie, E. Kristal, V. D'Oliviera.

Junior Individual.

J. Naude, T. Taylor.

Inter-House Efficiency Competition

27th October, 1952

Once again, this year Witwatersrand Rifles kindly supplied 17 officers and N.C.O.s to judge this competition and each of them remarked on the high standard attained by the detachment.

The results were as follows:-

Inter-House Cup: (1) Montgomery 60.3%, (2) Smuts 59.1%, (3) Botha 53.6%, (4) Churchill 52.7%.

Best Student Officer: (1) S/O E. Sprout 74.3%, (2) S/O M. Kessel & S/O Smith each 70.3%.

Smartest Cadet: (1) B. Cooper 91%, (2) T. Taylor and B. Evans each 89.25%.

Best Drummer: (1) D. Wilton, (2) A. Booyens.

Best Bugler: (1) M. Mitchell, (2) D. Petzer.

After the competition, Commandant Nicholls (Officer Commanding Witwatersrand Rifles) inspected the detachment and congratulated the unit on the improvement during the past twelve months. Mr. E. Baker (Chairman of the Germiston Boys' High School Governing Body) thanked the Commandant for the interest and co-operation of Witwatersrand Rifles and then the Commandant distributed the awards congratulating the individual winners on their efficiency, smartness and keenness. To end a very pleasant and successful day, the Commandant took the salute at the March Past of the Detachment.

HOUSE REPORTS

Botha House

House Master: Mr. T. MORRISON.

House Captain: T. SHERMAN.

Botha House has made a tremendous improvement since last year and has been prominent in almost every school activity.

Cricket.—Captain: J. Baird.

Although the seniors did not win a game, the House was compensated for this by the juniors who won the Cup.

Churchill beat us by two wickets, but the game could have gone either way. After that fine match, the team never reached that standard of play again, and lost to Smuts and Montgomery, but the games were made interesting by the "do or die" efforts of some of the Botha team. Throughout the matches, Baird's bowling was magnificent, and he never gave up hope. Gordon was the highest individual scorer with 36 against

Montgomery; and Matus, Botes and Rogers were prominent in other games.

The juniors were never mastered, and we congratulate the captain, Babb, and bowler Matthys, for their fine performances.

Rugby.—Captain: T. Sherman.

Our team came second in the league, losing only to Smuts. All the games were close struggles, and were thoroughly enjoyable. The only really prominent player was Baird. He was a real danger to the other teams, and it was not uncommon to see most of his team-mates walking back to their kick-off positions when Baird had the ball, even though he was not near the try-line. Nevertheless the team played as a team and no more can be asked.

Athletics.—Captain: T. Sherman.

Botha came second and the general standard was good. Although losing the combined senior and junior Cross Country, we had two runners in the first three in the senior race, Gordon and Smit. These two, together with Vermeulen, Wilson and Baird collected most of the points for Botha.

Vermeulen, although still a junior, dominated almost every event in which he took part, and one hopes that he will continue to serve Botha as well as he has done.

Debating.

We met Churchill in the first round of the debating contest, and main speaker Sherman with Smit and Baird, managed to convince the judges and to win the round. We were not so convincing in the second round, losing the final to Montgomery, our speakers being Gordon, Maycock and Venter. Nevertheless we came second in the contest.

Tennis.—Captain: C. Babb.

Botha came second in the league, although we have only a few regular players. We thank Babb, Brand, Wilson and Deverson for gaining second position for the House.

Chess.—Captain: A. Liebman.

We came second in the Chess tournament, losing to Montgomery by half a point. Congratulations to Liebman and his team.

Botha proved to have the cleverest (?) or hardest-working (?) boys in the school,

when they came first in the June and September examination marksheets. Although all the results were very close, the wins put us well on the way to gaining the All-round Trophy.

On behalf of the House I should like to show our appreciation to the other Houses for their sporting manner in which they competed against us, which made the activities so enjoyable, and finally, but not least of all, we should like to thank Mr. Morrison our House Master, Mr. Dry and Mr. Davis for the great part they played in our successes. T.S.

Churchill House

House Master: Mr. E. J. du PLESSIS.

House Captain: A. C. ROBERTS.

The year 1952 has been a very disappointing one for Churchill House. We were not able to repeat the triumphs of last year. Although we gained a few minor victories here and there, we suffered defeat in most of the senior events of the school.

Rugby.—Captain: Roberts.

We were third in the final placings of the competition, our only victory being when we played Montgomery, whom we defeated 11—3. We were defeated by Botha 3—8 and by Smuts 3—14. In these last two matches Botes was responsible for our tries.

Athletics.—Captain: Roberts.

After winning the Evans and Leigh Cup for House Athletics last year, we received the wooden spoon for the same event this year.

Our defeat was mainly due to the lack of keenness, not only amongst the juniors but also amongst the Form Three's and Four's. Congratulations go to Deakin on his fine performance.

Tennis.—Captain: Roberts.

If we do not shine at Rugby or Athletics, we can at least play tennis. We gained convincing victories over all three Houses in the Tennis Tournament, beating Botha 33—11, Smuts 29—15 and Montgomery 34—10.

Cricket.—Captain: Deakin.

The Cricket Cup has again eluded us this

year, despite the fact that our team is stronger than last year's.

In our first match against Botha, we won owing to the fine performance of Kessel, 31, and Deakin 6 wickets for 18 runs. Against Smuts we could only draw; Deakin 65, and Kessel 28 were the best players. In our match against Montgomery, we were forced, owing to a late declaration, to play out time. Kessel was again outstanding, scoring 32 not out.

On behalf of the House I should like to thank Mr. du Plessis for his whole-hearted support and excellent coaching of which, unfortunately, enough advantage was certainly not taken. I am sorry that we had to disappoint him in not coming up to his expectations.

I hope that Churchill has awoken up to the full realisation that one cannot rest on one's laurels. A.C.R.

Montgomery House

House Masters: Mr. W. T. HAFFERN and Mr. B. MEYER.

House Captain: L. de KOCK.

Even though we have not done very well this year, the future for Montgomery House seems bright, as our junior members show promise.

Rugby.—Captain: L. de Kock.

Owing to the lack of enthusiasm among our supporters and players, we did not have a very successful season of rugby. We played our best game against Botha and I feel that if this standard of rugby had been maintained against the other houses, we should have had far better results.

Athletics.—Captain: L. de Kock

Montgomery House came third in the inter-house athletic meeting and our juniors show great promise, especially Baker, Roux and Sam. We lacked senior athletes and this was a big handicap. Nevertheless, we set out with determination and did not receive the wooden spoon again this year. We congratulate the team on their performance.

Debating.—Captain: N. Smith.

This year our debating members did very well indeed. Although not receiving the support of the house as a whole our enthusiastic debaters succeeded in gaining for the House first place in the inter-House competition.

Tennis.—Captain: H. Elias.

In the recent inter-House tennis tournament we were unfortunate to take last place. Although our team was the same as last year, except for one member, we were soundly beaten. It was unfortunate that one of our team had been injured in the sports, but the others were disappointing or they did not strike their usual form. The team that represented Montgomery was as follows: Elias and Baker, Jackson and Jordan; reserve, A. Day.

Cricket.—Captain: A. Rakusin.

Although not possessing many stars in our cricket eleven, we nevertheless did well to force an exciting draw against Smuts, and to beat Botha decisively. Notable performances against Smuts were Elias's 36 and Rakusin's 29. In our 8 wicket win over Botha, Jordan (70 not out) and Braid (38 not out) were outstanding. Masterson and Jordan bowled well throughout.

Chess.—Captain: D. Clarke.

We congratulate the following boys of the house team on winning for us the inter-House championship: 1, D. Clarke; 2, R. Shepherd; 3, D. Baker; 4, S. Green; 5, H. Elias; 6, E. Kristal.

We should like to thank Mr. Haffern, our House Master, and also Mr. Meyers, for the help and encouragement they gave us during the year. L. de K.

Smuts House

House Master: Mr. P. A. VOS.

House Captain: H. ROSE-INNES.

General.

Although not shining at the more intellectual contests, such as the House Chess, debating, and academic work competitions, Smuts House did exceptionally well otherwise. The House rugby, athletics and cross-

country trophies were won, and Smuts did very well in other House activities. Credit for this must be given to our House Master, Mr. Vos, whose dogged hard work, keenness and magnificent enthusiasm were an inspiration to one and all.

Rugby.—Captain: H. Rose-Innes.

An energetic pack of which Marshall was the pick, and a thrustful back-line, where Gouws, Strydom and Hines often caught the eye, proved too much for the other Houses, and the rugby trophy was won rather easily. Botha were beaten by 9-0, Montgomery by 19-0, and Churchill by 14-3.

Cricket.—Captain: H. Rose-Innes.

Although possessing only a mediocre XI, Smuts did reasonably well in tying with Montgomery in an exciting match, and beating Botha soundly. The bowling of Waugh and Nicolson, and Waugh's batting were often prominent, while a high standard of fielding was maintained by everyone. Scores: Smuts 138 for 8 (Nicolson 26); Montgomery 138 for 8. Match tied.

Smuts 48 (Waugh 22); Botha 28 (Waugh

5 for 16, Rose-Innes 5 for 7). Smuts won by 20 runs.

Athletics.—Captain: H. Rose-Innes.

Although possessing a number of stars, Smuts' success in athletics may be traced to solid teamwork throughout, particularly with regard to the relay-teams. Congratulations to Banducci, Pieters, Sprout, Stathoulis, and Gouws, who performed splendidly in their respective age-groups; to Gouws, deservedly Victor Ludorum; and to the above-mentioned athletes, as well as D'Oliveira, on representing the school in the triangular athletics match against Springs and Marists. Sprout literally ran away with the cross-country, and excellent packing by the remainder of the team enabled the cross-country trophy to be won fairly easily.

Tennis.—Captain: J. Nicolson.

Although our team was expected to be placed second in the inter-house competition, Botha, playing steady tennis, pushed us down to third place after we had, as expected, been defeated by Churchill, the eventual winners. H. R. I.

BEST HOUSE TROPHY — Result

	Schoolwork		Cadets	Rugby	Cricket		Athletics	Tennis	Debating	Chess	Total
	Mark	Sheets			Senior	Junior					
Maxima	June	Sept									
I House	40	20	40	30	20	10	20	10	10	10	210
BOTHA	40	20	12	18	0	10	12	6	6	6	130
MONTGOMERY	24	12	40	3	13	1	2	1	10	10	116
SMUTS	12	6	24	30	13	3	20	3	3	1	115
CHURCHILL	4	2	4	9	13	6	6	10	1	3	58

Shooting results were not available at the time of going to press, but could in any case not affect the final placings of the Houses.

A Medical Examination

This is a true story.

Recently a few boys from our school, who wanted to become Student Officers, were sent to camp but before they went they had to pass a strict medical examination.

Everything went off well until the eye-

test had to be passed. One of the boys was very short-sighted.

"Will you please read these letters from this piece of paper?" asked the medical officer of the short-sighted boy, holding up a piece of paper the dimensions of which were 12in. by 8in.

"What paper?" was the astonished reply.

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

IN February this year the British Empire sustained a great loss in the death of its monarch, His Majesty King George VI. Indeed, not only was he a loss to his own Empire but also a loss to the entire world.

His death was of particular significance to his eldest daughter, Elizabeth, for, owing to this grievous occurrence, the heavy responsibility of wearing the crown descended upon her. This was possibly as tragical as the death of her father, for what more inopportune period than the present could be found for a young queen to ascend her father's throne? But, as the Commonwealth surmised, this well-loved Princess assumed her new title, with all the duties that accompany it, with a calmness and determination which would possibly astound those who did not know her well. Fortunately Her Majesty had taken an active interest in her late father's affairs, and world politics are by no means unfamiliar to her. We of the Commonwealth, who know and love Her Majesty, have the greatest confidence in her and I am sure that the belief that she will continue to execute her duties with the dignity and strength of her father, will not be in vain.

Let us hope that no crisis will arise during her reign, which we fear will be arduous enough without such additional strain. Let us hope that her reign will be a long and happy one.

J. Baird (IV).

KING GEORGE VI

ON February 14th of this year the citizens of our Commonwealth in general, and its schoolboys in particular, lost a valued friend. For it was on this day that the tragic and entirely unexpected news of the death of King George VI came to us.

Schoolboys are not, as a rule, very demonstrative where their feelings are concerned, but there was no mistaking the shock with which they received the news.

And they were not alone; their sense of loss was shared by tens of thousands of others, of all races and colours, throughout the vast reaches of the Commonwealth.

What was there about this man, that so many people who had seldom if ever seen

him in the flesh, and to whom he might therefore have been expected to mean but little, should have felt so keen a sense of loss at his passing?

Many were the attempts made to answer this question, as the voices of his bereaved peoples found expression in newspaper article and radio talk, and in many a private conversation: and all were, in one way or another, right. For his was no commonplace personality: his life no everyday affair. In the truest sense in which we understand the word, His Majesty King George VI was a gentleman.

In him were united, partly because of the nature of his high office, but mainly because of the kind of man he was, characteristics which are all too rare in our modern world: scrupulous honesty in his personal dealings with others, a very real love for the peoples over whom he ruled, and a selfless devotion to duty which would allow nothing to interfere with the performance of the task in hand.

Ill-health, a shy and retiring disposition, and a distressing impediment in his speech: all were fought with singleness of purpose and dogged tenacity, to the one end that he might the more worthily perform the tasks expected of him.

And for these things his people loved him; for these qualities he will be remembered long after others who made a much greater show in the world are forgotten. For his was the greatness of the human heart and spirit, against which no other form of greatness can finally contend.

But for us as schoolboys these things, great and important as we somehow feel that they are, take second place to something of more direct appeal that we know about him: he was a friend to boys. And not boys of any particular class either: to him a boy was a boy, no matter where he came from; an individual whose worth was to be treasured, and whose abilities fostered.

To this end he patronised, while Duke of York, the boys' camps for his interest in which he became well known, and in which boys of different social classes and diverging personal outlook were made welcome and taught to know one another.

To these camps he remained a frequent

visitor, even after the increase in his public duties made it no longer possible for him to take an active part in their organisation, and there are many thousands of boys in England today whose sense of loss at his passing is both personal and sincere, but who remember with pride and gratitude the lessons they learned at those camps.

Here in South Africa we were fortunate enough to see something of him, and to read and hear a good deal more, during the Royal Family's visit in 1947. Those of us who are old enough remember seeing them ride by as we waited by the roadside for their passing, and, though the glimpse we had of them was so fleeting, we went away with something the exuberance of youth could not quite force from our minds, and memories that time will only deepen. For there was brought before us not a man merely, but in him a symbol of the unity of the great Commonwealth to which we all belong, and whose solidarity is a source of comfort in these disharmonious times.

We had thought that we would be able to have His Majesty with us once again, as he sought to regain his health through a holiday on our shores, but it was not to be. During the night of February 14th the King died in his sleep, and that great spirit went to its rest.

"Home is the sailor, home from the sea,
And the hunter home from the hill."

The Masters vs. School Rugby Match

WEDNESDAY, the eighteenth of June, in the year 2.A.D. (Anno Discensus from the girls) reveals a story of indomitable courage, and no little cunning winning through against overwhelming odds. It was on this, so far, unmarred day, that the "Old Cocks"—consisting of the Masters, Matrics and a referee—and the "young Twerps"—consisting of the rest—took the field. The match was reminiscent of some of the historic games played by our Springboks; the points of similarity being that there were 15 individuals on each side ("players", being in many cases, too strong a word) a ball, a man with a whistle, and a crowd packed around the touchline.

The masters, on being informed of their toilsome task; their back troubles having

disappeared — shock treatment — donned their old club socks and merrily trooped on to the battlefield. Mr. Vos, educated at a Cape University, where, if you throw a forward pass you're sure to fail your final year, ably led the Masters-Matric side from start to finish.

The game started fist — my apologies, fast — and furious with the mighty midget Mr. Myers shining for the staff. With grim defiance he frequently hurled himself through the air only to find himself five yards west of his target. When, however, he succeeded in a direct hit it was a case of an irresistible force meeting an unmovable object. Although the "force" in this case was extremely small, it usually managed to move the "object" for some considerable distance. The Masters' and Matrics' passes may be described as high, wide and handsome and usually reached great heights.

Play having continued for some time, Mr. Davis decided to show the madding crowd that he had the game in hand and awarded a free kick to the "Rest". Gouws put over the difficult kick and the Masters migrated back to midfield. The "Rest", however, did not enjoy this lead for long as Mr. Vos scored a penalty from far out with a brilliant right-foot kick, or as one Irishman described it, "a grand right-handed kick".

Half-time came all too late for the Masters who deemed this a fit time for forming a plan. Some thought wetting the ball might help, but this was put aside — owing to lack of water. Mr. Vos and Braid decided that two heads were better than one (as the barber said) and decided to work together. By this time some of the Masters were wishing that William Ellis, the Rugby schoolboy, had never picked the ball up and run with it.

The Masters, playing with renewed zest, ran through the opposition and the first try of the match was not far off. Braid who kept shouting "Pack tight! you have nothing to lose but your shins!" seized the ball and having beaten many of his own men, sold more dummies than you would find at a baby's show. Eventually he fell over the line but Mr. Vos, the strain of captaincy playing havoc with his concentration, failed to convert. Braid almost succeeded a second time, and the "Rest's" defence was obviously

giving way under the immense strain. The Carrockers, many of whom appeared to have taken elocution lessons from gravel-voiced Jimmy Durante, now chimed in with shouts of: "Do your practising somewhere else" and "you're not giving the game away, you've already lost it." At this point, with the infuriated "Rest" pressing in vain, the referee's all-too-seldom-heard whistle blew for the last time.

With a sigh of relief the two teams left the field and hastened towards the library for a well earned luncheon and cup of tea. The struggle which took place there has not yet been revealed, but any reader able to produce enlightening facts on the above matter is welcome to send them in to this magazine.

A. McRae (V).

The Van Riebeeck Celebrations in Germiston

THE theme of the van Riebeeck festival was "We build a Nation." It was a challenging call to every patriotic South African citizen and Germiston responded fittingly with four days of festivities, the keynote to which was youth.

On the Friday a grand variety concert was held in the City Hall. All the items were performed by scholars from the Germiston schools, our school being represented by Morris Bay, a very good pianist with a future. This concert proved a great success.

On Saturday afternoon a long procession swung into step, outside the Synagogue, headed by the Germiston Boy's High School cadet band. The procession consisted of hundreds of school-children; smartly stepping cadet platoons, consisting of cadets of the Boy's High; neatly dressed members of the Red Cross and St. Johns'; Volkspelers dressed in traditional national costume. An old 'crook' car and vehicles belonging to the municipality brought up the rear.

Germiston was the first city to welcome its own coach, and indeed she welcomed it in grand style.

Since 2 o'clock in the afternoon, crowds had begun to line the road from Elsburg to Germiston to catch a glimpse of the coach as it rumbled on its way into Germiston.

Heralded by blasts from a horn, the mail coach, pulled by six white horses, entered the City. It was escorted by thirty or forty out-riders in national costume led by four traffic officers on motor-cycles. After a tour of the centre of the city, the coach proceeded to Elands Park.

There thousands of people had gathered to welcome the coach. During the wait the crowd was entertained by the band of the Imperial Light Horse. When the coach reached the park, Councillor Wannenburgh officially welcomed it and a short service was held. The coach finally came to a temporary halt in front of the City Hall.

The celebrations reached a climax on Saturday night at the City Hall where the administrator, Dr. Nicol, spoke. A special Festival choir sang and the Johannesburg Symphony Orchestra played and the S.A.B.C. relayed parts of the programme.

Late on Saturday night an odd incident occurred. It was found that the coach had disappeared and its guards been kidnapped. A cadet who discovered the absence of the coach nervously reported the absence to the Flying Squad. One bright policeman decided to follow the tracks of the coach which were visibly marked on the streets and discovered it in the grounds of the Margaret Brammer school. Here he was confronted by broadly grinning young men who were responsible for the lark.

On Sunday a service was held in the City Hall. On Monday the coach made a tour of the schools and paid a visit to the hospital. Unfortunately, an axle broke and it had to be repaired. In the evening there was a big braai, at which volkspele were held. This event brought to an end four happy days of celebration. Early on Tuesday morning, after a short service at Kuhn Park, the coach left on its long journey to Cape Town.

N. Smith (V)

The Ice-Cream Vendor

(With apologies to Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.)

The shades of night were falling fast,
As through an Alpine village passed
A youth who bore, 'mid snow and ice,
A banner with the strange device,
Stop me and buy one!

H.R.-I. (V).

A Gold Mine

Oh! what untold wealth has been ground
From that towering sandy mound
While cocopans like busy ants
Crawl up and down its sandy slants,
To cast aside the sand which before
Had been rock hiding golden ore.
Glittering in the sun so white,
But still a very painful sight
When August winds blow o'er the skies,
And sand fills tearful eyes.

M. Cox (IIC).

As the Exams. Approach

Mrs. Boyle and Mr. Charles,
And their respective laws,
Caesar and Archimedes,
And other such "old saws."
Malvolio and Pheidippides,
The Donets Basin and the Ruhr.
Fahrenheit and Réaumur,
Metternich, Bismarck, and Cavour.
Square roots and logs, cosines and formulae,

The eleventh of September, or is it perhaps July?

So much I try to learn, with all my might and main.

So much I do forget, the reason for which is plain.

For my work I shirk,
And my studies, alas! I disdain.

H.R.-I. (V).

The School meets Mr. Shakespeare

A large party of our boys attended the Old Vic Company's production of "Macbeth" in the July holidays, and most were rather surprised to find that Shakespeare, if properly interpreted, does make very interesting entertainment.

A melodramatic opening to the play, with the shrieks of a bevy of witches mingling with the ghostly tattoo of an unseen drum, left some of the younger boys rather apprehensive, but most of them recovered to enjoy the tragedy very much. The murderous cunning of Lady Macbeth, the dastardly Macbeth himself, arch-fiend and assassin, the murders innumerable,

able, and the welters of gore, will be remembered by all who saw the play.

The Form Fours (who have "Macbeth" as one of their setbooks) made perhaps more of the drama than the rest, but most were able to follow the plot reasonably clearly. All in all, a pleasant and instructive afternoon was spent by everybody.

H.R.-I. (V).

Aanbidding

In die kruine van die berge
verhewe bo die aardse stof,
waar die diere wild rondswerwe,
Vereer ek deur 'n lied van lof
die Hand van God wat dit gemaak het.

Langs die ongerepte woud se bome
waar lower-donker skadu's troon,
tussen ruwe rotse in die strome,
besing ek in 'n lied so skoon
die Hand van God wat dit gemaak het.

In die verre hoogtes van die berge
waar die roofvoël ylings vlug,
tussen die klowe weggebêre
aanbid ek somtyds met 'n sug
die Hand van God wat dit gemaak het.

K. D. Allan (IVa)

The Weekend Camp at Lenz

TWELVE Germiston High School student officers hopped out of their truck at Lenz, one weekend last February, as the guests of the Witwatersrand Rifles. Reflecting, one wonders how so many highlights could be crammed into so short a time; and yet they were. Undoubtedly the chief highlight was the formal mess, in which they took part. No one present could ever forget it: sitting next to majors, lieutenants and adjutants, talking to them like long lost brothers; being served by polite privates; the novelty of seeing a fully-fledged captain twirling around the floor, a cup of tea in his hand, and a major drinking Worcestershire sauce whilst standing on a chair, both of them carrying out their forfeits for slips in mess etiquette, and then the ceremony of passing the port bottle and toasting the Queen. One remembers too, the ride in the Bren gun carrier; the lectures and the siege of the hill; the "free-for-all" cricket practice; the novelty of sitting in the officers'

canteen and ordering anything one liked, free; and many more exiting things, too numerous to mention.

But what must be mentioned is their gratitude to the Witwatersrand Rifles. Every one came away content, having lived two worthwhile days, and having found out that the army is not at all spit and polish, left-turn, right-turn and peeling potatoes.

T. J. Sherman (V).

Die Krakende Deur

Ons het om die groot kaggel in die voorhuis gesit. Die wind het buite gekerm en gehuil.

Ons was die gaste van die Heer Julian Seymour. Die Heer Julian het die huis geërf toe sy vader mal geword het.

Iemand het die draadloos aangeskakel en toe is die program skielik verbreek deur die volgende aankondiging:

„n Kranksinnige het vanaand uit die gestig ontsnap. Sy naam is William Seymour. Ons waarsku almal in die distrik om gereed te wees want hy is 'n gevaarlike persoon, en 'n moordenaar. Dankie.”

Skielik het iemand geskreeu. Ek het gegil. Die ligte het skielik dooggegaan en almal het nader om die vuur gekom.

Die deur van die vertrek het stadig oopgegaan en daar in die lig van die vuur het hy gestaan — William Seymour.

„Ha! Ha! Ha!” het hy gelag. „Ek is baie slim. Die polisie sal my nooit vang nie.”

Hy het nadergekom. Daar was net vyf van ons, almal mans, maar almal was bang in hierdie huis van die dood.

Hy het nadergekom en sy hande het om die keel van een van die mans geklem. Die ander het probeer om hom te pak. Maar 'n skeermes het in sy hand geglinster. Hy het een vir een vermoor. Ek weet goed want die kranksinnige was ek.

(G. Kallman IIIa)

Catching Trout

THE trout is reputed to be one of the most difficult fish in the world to catch, and also a surprisingly game little fish. There

are two kinds of Trout. Both of these fish can be caught in certain rivers of South Africa. It is very seldom that a trout is caught on bait. He is usually caught on an imitation fly or beetle.

The best rod for the beginner is a nine-foot, three-piece, split-cane rod, with a spare tip, in case one gets broken.

For a reel one only needs an ordinary three-inch diameter reel, with a brake and a ratchet. An excellent reel for trout fishing can be bought in Germiston for seven shillings.

For really long, accurate casts one should have a silk line, but for the beginner, a tapered nylon line is quite good enough. There should be about forty yards of this and another sixty yards of cord 'backing.'

Now we come to the flies. The right fly to use is the subject of much controversy. The rule for fly fishing is a bright fly for a bright day, and a dull fly for a dull or overcast day. The best way of accumulating flies and saving pocket money is to buy a few and then try tying your own flies. The type of fly to use can be determined by watching the trout feeding, and then trying to match the natural fly which they are feeding on with one of your imitation flies.

Let us now say that you have got all your tackle, and you are going to start fishing. First, you must keep well back from the bank of the river, or the trout will be frightened away. Now cast your fly two or three inches from the feeding trout. Be careful not to make too big a splash as you cast. No weights or sinkers may be used in trout fishing.

If you are dry-fly fishing, just let your fly drift along on the surface, but if you are wet-fly fishing, move the fly along in jerks just under the surface. Soon you may feel the tug, and see the swirl of the fish turning as he takes your fly. Then you must "strike" the fish, not too hard or the fly will come out. Now he will start fighting and you must play him.

When you have landed him and you find that he weighs only one or two pounds, do not be disappointed as it takes an expert to catch a four or five-pound trout. The odds are that you will be quite satisfied with your first day of Catching Trout.

A. C. Cowling

Antidote

NOW that I come to think of it, it was quite stupid of me to test the antidote of a slow killing poison on a human.

Let me explain. A few weeks ago a new poison was discovered by a group of scientists. Then, just as could be expected with scientists, they wanted its antidote. As I, James Fellington, am supposed to be one of the cleverest scientists and inventors in the country, I was asked to make it.

I made it a week ago and tested it on a dog. The dog is still alive today. Five hours ago I gave my assistant, Ronand Benson, the poison and five minutes later, the antidote. After the poison is administered the patient becomes dizzy and lies in a daze, but after receiving a dose of the antidote he should become energetic a few minutes later. That is how the dog reacted. But Benson instead of recovering became worse. He is now in hospital dying, with only an hour to live.

I am on the run.

To make things worse, it is raining very heavily now. I cannot take shelter, because by now everybody knows that I am wanted by the police.

I walk along. The rain is coming down even faster than before. A dog howls and runs along with its tail between its legs. The few cars, which are still on the move, are driving very slowly for fear of accidents.

A car suddenly comes around the corner at quite a speed. It is coming straight at me. I jump out of the way, but not quite fast enough. The bumper grazes me. I fall over and lie on the pavement.

"Can I help you?" a voice inquires. I look up and see that it is the driver of the car, who has just spoken.

He tries to apologise, but I cut him short.

"Help me up!"

He helps me up. I turn around and walk away.

"Are you sure that you are feeling well?" he asks, walking towards me.

"Yes," I answer rather curtly.

"Can't I —?"

"No, curse you!" I shout and move off.

"Amazing fellow," he says and returns to his car.

I come to the corner. As I turn I see a constable on his beat. He walks towards me. I turn around and walk away rapidly. He tries to follow me, but he slips on the wet pavement and is knocked unconscious. I succeed in getting away.

Rain! Rain! Rain! Rain! It is driving me mad. I am going crazy. I take a grip on myself. There is no need to take leave of my senses.

I am by now soaked to the skin. I will probably die of pneumonia. That is it. Why not kill myself? I'll cheat the hangman. No! That would be cowardly.

I picture Benson lying in hospital. This will probably be the last rainstorm he will see. Probably the last I shall see, too.

Rain! Rain! Rain! Rain!

I'm thinking now. The poison takes six hours to kill a person. This means that Benson still has forty minutes to live. If he does not die I will not be convicted. For this to happen I will have to rectify the mistake made in the formula and administer the corrected antidote to Benson.

Rain! Rain! Rain! Rain!

I go over the chemical reactions again. No! There is no way in which I could have made a mistake. But why is it that, though the dog revived when given the antidote, Benson, did not?

Rain! Rain! Rain! Rain! Water streaming down. Water! That is it. Water!

Now I remember. The dog did not want to drink the antidote, and I had to apply it in the dog's water.

I take out a bottle of the antidote. It is half full, and I allow water to enter it until it is full.

Now I have to reach the hospital. I break into a run. Ah! There is a motor cycle parked at the kerb. I run to it. Luckily its owner has left the motor running. I start it. It shoots ahead and I am on my way to the hospital.

"Stop thief!" somebody shouts, but I do not heed the shouts. I am sorry it had to be this way. I never wanted to steal before, but when a man's life is at stake nothing else matters.

It is now that I realise that I've never driven a motor cycle before. The bike passes three stop streets without stopping. I just avoid hitting a man crossing the street.

I am near the hospital now. But how can I stop. I took up. There is an ambulance in the road. The motor cycle hits it. I go flying through the air. I find myself in a hedge.

I scramble out and run towards the hospital. An attendant sees me.

"Why, your're James Fellington!" he exclaims.

Before he can shout I hit him in the teeth. He sinks to the ground.

I run up the stairs. People see me, and chase me. I run into the ward. I push the doctor out of the way, pour the antidote into a glass and force it down Benson's throat.

Everybody tries to grab me. I allow them to without putting up a struggle. Benson is already showing signs of activity. The antidote has worked. I don't care what happens now.

K.R. (IV).

The Solitary Weeper

(With apologies to Mr. William Wordsworth and my team-mates of the First XV)

Behold them, running on the field,
You solitary ball they chase!
Scrumming and hooking for their teams;
That ball they swiftly pass!
Alone he breaks, ten yards the gain,
But then he's tackled all the same;
O listen! to that shrilling sound,
For the linesman, he, alas, has found
That over the line our man had stepped.
Two lines are formed by those two bands,
And the ball is thrown in by the wing
Right into Grey College's hands:
Then to the scrum-half it is given,
And he is tackled — thanks to heaven!
Stopping him from getting away.
Now there's a scrum where he down lay.

Grey's scrum-half gets the ball and flings it to their bold and dashing fly-half now. With all his side-steps and dummings Our boys know hardly where they are: Or is it that they cannot play, That usual game of theirs to-day?

Then Grey's half scores, and makes it plain,
That they are going to score again.

And score they did from time to time
As if the score could have no ending;
We got a scrum on their goal-line,
And low were our forwards bending—
But Grey's got the ball and their wing did fly;
And under our posts he scored a try!
Grey's won the match, thirty-five to nil—
'Twas weeks ago, but remembered still.

K.M. (the ninth poet)

Sonnet to a Saturday Night

When sun sets on the last day of the weary seven,
And each man takes the road to his own little heaven,
Then all the land is peaceful 'neath the dark'ning sky,
The burdens from all shoulders cast, all spirits high.

Some go directly home and find their well-earned rest,
While others take the city road on friendly quest.
Some stop and idly chat to passers-by,
Others indulge in the charms of dice and rye.

Some hurry onward, looking neither left nor right,
Eager to find the friendly warmth of the home-fire bright.
Some stroll with ease and stop to gaze on things of health,
Others stride deliberately as if to carry out some duty.

All have found the oasis in the desert, the island in the sea,
And so has been the Saturday night, and so 'twill be.

John Doig (3D).

Die Nuutste Vertaling van "Ey Round the Corner"

Vanaand gaan die volkies koring sny,
maar hoe gaan hul dit in die nag regkry?
My geliefde hang in die bos;
in 'n bitterbessiebos,
Sy dink seker ek sal haar daar los.
G. Button (IIIa)

Robert's Ascension thru' Perseverance

By John Doig, 3D

Robert was the greatest king auld Scotland's ever known,
But many was the scourge, ere Robert took the throne.
He launched attack upon attack to tak' the other fort,
Nae, a' o' Robert's efforts availed him naught.
Twa times he went to battle wi' glorious aim,
And, like a beaten hound, came he hame.

"Oh! It's nae use," thought Robert as he sat him on a stone,
And in the coldness of the winter nicht he wept alone.
But thru' the bitter tears which dimmed his sorrowed e'e,
He saw, gamely struggling, a spider wee,
Swinging frae a tattered thread it strove to gain a twig,
But ever did the wee thing fail, and its task 'twas big.

"Ye canna do it, laddie," said Robert out aloud,
But the bonny wee spider, 'was not cowed.
Instead, as in defiance it turned to, hard again,
And twice swung for loss o' ground, but the third time, gain!
'Twas the bonny wee spider gae Robert the heart,
And clutching blade the guid man bade his men depart.

A hundred glittering soldiers advanced b' dawn,
Awa' till they saw those walls, a' grey, forlorn.
An' Robert fought like nae man had, an' nae man ever will,
An' ere the day had passed away, he'd bro't that fort to nil.
An' toasting at the following feast, King Robert cried,
"Long live ye, bonny spider, wha three times tried!"

Footnote:

Remember, you who've read this poem, and it's true, never fear;
Instead of giving up too soon, 'tis far better to persevere.

The Humorist goes to Camp

ON the evening of the 4th March six boys rampageously entered the shack of John Hodgkinson. Here it was decided that a strict and orderly camp be held for boys at a place not out of reach of their mothers' apron strings.

A force of sixty boys was collected ready to invade Fountains Valley on the 29th of March. All went well until the "tragedy," which occurred a day before the departure. Many boys informed Edward Sprout that they would be unable to attend camp as a result of their Grannies' passing away. So many Grannies died, that a new census reading of the Germiston population had to be taken.

Three lorries were obtained and the following morning the boys all assembled at Elands Park. The first two lorries had 30 horse power, the other had 40 with 39 horses dead. None had the misfortune of falling out of the trucks and everybody reached Fountains Valley safely.

The boys worked hard at putting up the tents. Many did not know whether they had to sleep alone or beneath the canvas. However, they thought they had settled down for the week. They were soon disappointed, for they found that it also rained in Pretoria. This added more to their knowledge of Geography.

The rain visited the camp for the first few nights and in order to prevent the boys' tents from sliding into the Aapies River, which was as much as two inches deep in places, higher ground was sought.

There was great competition between the boys' camp and the Girl Guides' camp, which were separated by the Aapies. Each tried to see who could stay awake the latest. During the night the "Nugget Gang" was very active, and often boys had shinning faces in the morning.

Three meals were had a day. Breakfast would be from six-o'clock in the morning until twelve-o'clock midday. The other two meals were prepared for the boys whenever they became hungry.

The most common and most enjoyable of the dishes was "Potage de mouton à l'Ecosaise," otherwise known as stiff-pap mixed with tomatoes. Then there was a most enjoyable dish of "Consomme

Infanta" which simply means Boston Baked Beans. Rather rude obvious remarks were passed about the pale liquid called coffee.

On the last night the peaceful snoring of the boys was suddenly interrupted when they found that some rogues had let down their tents. These rogues were afterwards congratulated, as the boys found that the canvas provided an extra blanket for them.

At last, after everybody had had a good feast of cakes, sweets and fruit, the moment came for going home and back to school, which was soon to begin.

E. Sprout, IV.

My Vuurtjie en Ek is alleen . . .

. . . alleen in die stilte van die nag. Stadig kronkel die rokie die lug in. Helder dans die tonge van die vuur, wat vir my 'n gevoel van veiligheid gee. Bale saggies kan die geritsel van blare in die stilte van die nag gehoor word. Die natuur rus, behalwe die murmel van die stroompie in die watersloot. In die vreedzaamheid van die veld voel ek gerus. Die rusteloosheid en uitputting van die afgelope paar dae is weg. Hier kan ek die natuur — meesterstuk van God — waardeur. Alhoewel ek geen vriend het nie, weet ek dat God met my is. Die gedagte gee my krag vir die besluitelose toekoms.

N. SMITH, V.

Twoe boerseuns het elk 'n perd van hul vader geërf, maar hul kon die perde nie van mekaar onderskei nie. Eers het hul die een se stert afgesny, maar dit het weer gegroei. Toe het hul die ander se maanhaar afgesny. Ook dit het weer gegroei. Toe het hulle besluit om die perde te meet en toe was hul probleem opgelos want die wit perd was 'n hele hand hoër as die swart perd.

Twoe Gammats was besig om met flitsligte in 'n donker kamer rond te skyn. Hul was altwee hoog in die takke en die een Gammat sê aan die ander: „Ek sê ou Pellie, ek wed jou jy kan nie teen hierdie straal lig opklim nie.“

Die tweede Gammat se antwoord hierop was: „You think I'm stupid. Net wanneer ek halfpad op is dan switch jy die lig af.“

The Midnight Intruders

THE moon and stars are covered by clouds and it is pitch dark. The wind is moaning eerily through the gaunt trees, when two sinister figures climb through the window of Lady Knox's castle. They are Basher Mupp and Norty Nick, two bad lads who stop at nothing, not even a traffic light!

They are out to p-p-pulser p-p-priceless p-p-peppermints, belonging to Lady Knox. They glide noiselessly up to the stairs. Basher steps on a roller skate and glides noisily down again, on top of Nick.

After a terrific argument to decide who made the most noise, they search, and find a safe.

“We must open dis can quietly,” says Basher, so Nick produces two tins of nitro-glycerine!

“No, for Pete's sake!” says Basher, “you gotta use brains for a job like this, man! Work out da combination.”

After an hour's working out, they discover that the safe is not locked! Basher says some harsh words in connection with safes, and opens it. Just then Nick drops a can of — “Bloom!!!” er, nitro-glycerine. Lady Knox promptly pokes a pistol at Nick for she has woken up and seen them.

“Hoy-oy-yoy! Don't shoot! Moenie skiet! We gives up,” yells Basher, “But who's knocking?”

“Clot! That's me knees,” shivers Nick, “Look behind you, Basher!”

It is the ghost that haunts the castle, and our boys promptly head for home, but land up in a cold bath of water. Dripping, bamboozled and bewildered, they climb out and the Lady lets them have it with a rusty shot-gun!

“Eina! Wot the . . . !” shrieks Nick, and suddenly evacuates the castle, steps on some marbles and ploughs up two yards of floor.

Finally the “cops” arrive and our boys get free board and lodging for two years.

And this moral follows:

There were two young burglars from Lox,

Who once tried to rob Lady Knox,

But when they both 'hopped it'

They very soon 'copped' it,

And now they're both breaking up rocks.

P. Bates and B. Odgers.

Mymeringe van een wat Blind geword het

Hulle sê dit is nou lente. Ja, die lieue lente met sy barstende botsels en bloeisels. Die somer wat aan kom is, dit alles is vir my vir ewig afgesluit. Die gedagtes daaraan verbonde is al vertroosting wat ek het nou in my donker lewe.

Maar net soos die winter op die somer volg en die dag die nag, net so is my vertroosting en berusting in die feit dat daar wel eendag weer vir my 'n straal lig sal skyn wanneer ek hierdie tydelike donkerte deur is.

Allan Robertson (V)

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Piet het die bal uit 'n lynstaan gekry, en net soos 'n mes deur 'n gaping gesny, Die heelagter wou hom duik

maar hy het hom ontwyk

Sy broek het ongelukkig in die slag gehly.

J. Williams (IIIa)

Wie is dit?

Sy hare is altyd ongekam,
Hy sug soms teen die bord,
Maar moet hom nie blameer daarvoor
as hy van raas moeg word.

South Africa

South Africa is a land so free,
South Africa was made for me.
The crops are best,
There let me rest.
In South Africa.

Where always flies the turtle dove,
So free and always full of love.
Then they flutter, two abreast,
Never with a pause or rest —
In South Africa.

To sit and watch the setting sun,
And think another day is done,
The crops are best,
There let me rest,
In South Africa.

Anon. (II).

What can be the Cause of this?

Young people in the prime of life,
but with a hunted look;
Sunken eyes and hollow cheeks,
aware of the proverbial spook;
They jump at every noise they hear,
then break out in cold sweat;
They gnaw their nails and chew their ties
and twitch and frown and fret.
With shoulders drooped and staring eyes
they walk as in a truce,
Murmuring quietly to themselves:
“I haven't a chance, I haven't a chance.”

What can be the cause of this.
And what is there to do?
A pity it has to happen now
When exams are nearly due.

T.S. (V).

Ons Erekode

Eerbiedig en respekvol,
Aandagtig, en aan God getrou,
Charmant, lojaal en vriendlik,
Hoogagting vir ons skoolgebou.
Fatsoenlik in ons spraak en werk,
Orientlik in ons kleredrag,
Rojaal in alles wat ons gee,
Aan meesters en aan ouers ontsag.
Laat dit ons erekode wees.
Laat dit ons durf tot groter gees.

(Vorm IIIa in medewerking met hul onderwyser in Afrikaans).

Bome

Bome laat my altyd dink aan mense. Vir my is 'n boom nie net 'n natuurverskynsel van hout en blare nie, maar iets met sy eie individualiteit.

Bome verskil baie van mekaar in die opsig dat hul kenmerke het, wat net soos 'n mens, die karakter van die boom 'n persoonlikheid gee. Wilgebome lyk soos treurende menigtes, met druipende hoofde by ope grafte. 'n Bloekembloom is vir my 'n monument van krag en majesteit, soos 'n frisgeboorde man met 'n regop postuur.

'n Doringboom is vir my soos 'n melaatse aan wie 'n mens nie wil raak nie. Tog het selfs laaggenoeemde sy blomme as sy tyd daar is om te bloei.

Victor D'Oliveira (V)

FIRST XV, 1952



Front row: A. N. Braid, H. Rose-Innes, (Captain), Mr. E. D. J. du Plessis, A. C. Roberts, K. Marshall, J. W. Baird.
 Second row: J. Smit, P. Stathoulis, N. Strydom, V. V. D'Oliveira, J. Maycock, B. Cooper.
 Back row: A. Geyer, J. Swarts, D. Stange.

Rugby

First and Second XV's

Taking results as a criterion the First and Second teams had a very disappointing season. Our First XV played 10 matches, lost 8 and won 2. The Second XV played 10, lost 8 and drew 2.

Of the forwards, very few showed much fighting spirit and of determination they knew very little. Because of lack of weight in the scrum, our backs saw little of the ball. They held their own against most other sides.

However, result is not the only criterion by which the success of a team is measured. Most of the players showed a keen team spirit and enthusiasm. On the whole turn outs at practices were good and we never had any difficulty in fielding two sides in the open group.

Critique

J. J. Gouws. A very keen player with the correct approach to the game. A good captain.

A. C. Roberts. Could be a fine loose forward if fit.

D. Stange. Very calm and collected, but

rather slow and often caught in possession.

J. Baird. Excellent on defence and a very determined runner.

A. Botes. Should develop into a sound centre.

P. Stathoulis. Should learn to run straight and go for the corner. Very keen.

D. Strydom. Very keen and willing to learn. Should develop into a good fly-half.

A. Geyer. A very useful scrum-half who gets a lot out of his pack. A pity a school should lose its scrum-half and fly-half in Form Three.

A. Braid. Useful, but not very keen.

J. Maycock. Hooks as well as he is allowed to. Very willing.

J. Smit. Should do well next year. Could be more aggressive.

K. Marshall. A fighter in the true sense of the word. Good line out forward.

H. D. Rose-Innes. A very fine flank. I expect him to go far if he keeps it up.

V. V. D'Oliveira. A good line-out forward.

B. Cooper. Very keen and willing to learn. A good flank.

J. Swarts. Should make a good No. 8 flank with more experience. Keen on the game.

E. J. du P.

RESULTS

First Team

vs. C.B.C.—lost 5-17.

vs. Highlands North High School—lost 3-22.

vs. Afrikaans Hoër Skool—lost 0-28.

Athlone Boys' High School—won 6-0.

vs. Voortrekker Hoër Skool—lost 0-30.

vs. C.B.C. lost 0-22.

Afrikaans Hoër Skool—lost 0-24.

vs. Voortrekker Hoër Skool—lost 3-6.

vs. Athlone Boys' High School—won 22-9.

vs. Grey College, Bloemfontein—lost 0-35.

Rugby Report 1952

Under 15

As is customary with most other teams, the Under 15's only reached their peak towards the end of the season, with a heartening victory over Athlone Boys' High School. On both occasions that they played

Athlone, they beat them convincingly.

Considering the fact that the Under 15 is usually the stepping stone to the following year's 1st XV, we can be considered lucky to be able to have for our open team next year boys of the calibre of Farquharson, Vermeulen and Pieters, all of whom played in a representative Germiston and District team against the Vereeniging district.

The team was built up of a very consistent group of boys who practised regularly and the same boys played together in most of the matches throughout the season.

Critique

Evans. Should make a useful fullback in two years' time.

Pieters. A clever centre with good hands and a deceptive swerve.

McConnell. A hard and strong runner on the wing who can also play in the ruck.

Vermeulen. A very strong and fast winger but should learn to run more determinedly. Also acted as captain alternately to Farquharson.

Hosmer. Has also played centre and fullback.

Rakusin. Can be used as a centre. Good kick.

Edwards. Is a good fly-half but should learn not to use the boot too often.

Milroy. A tough customer behind the scrum.

Hay. Has also played at scrum-half on a few occasions.

Stranger. A sturdy frontanker but should learn the off-side rule.

Brenner. A good hooker but lazy otherwise.

Wood. Also a strong support but too selfish.

Sayers. A fast flanker and willing to learn.

Bateman. A keen lock forward but inclined to be lazy.

Button. A lock forward of considerable promise if he wants to work.

Levinthal. Hardworking flanker.

Farquharson. A real battler, outstanding in the line-out and should follow in the footsteps of his father, and play for Transvaal. I wish to make such a forecast.

P.A.V.

RUGBY

Under 14

Compared with that of other schools our under 14 Rugby is still far below standard, and the main reason for this is the little interest shown in the game. We started the season with enough players to make up three teams, but towards the end of the season we had hardly enough for one!

Despite this the rugby improved during the season and towards the end we won a few games, combined much better and put up an altogether better show. We were glad to have been able to defeat the Afrikaans Hoër team and so avenge their rough treatment of our First and Second teams.

O.A.O.

Under 13

Unfortunately for the Under 13 team, they played only three games throughout the season. Several boys turned out to practices very regularly and they are to be praised for their good spirit.

The three matches played were the following:—

(1) Against Athlone High (twice)—both lost by narrow margins.

(2) Against Primrose Hill (Primary)—lost 8—6.

Many boys showed promise in these games. Thorpe, the captain, proved to be the outstanding player and the most promising. The forwards did not play as well as they could, while the threes proved themselves to be very nippy. The tackling improved very much towards the end of the season.

B.M.

CRICKET

1st XI Cricket

This season saw the first eleven playing on the new wicket—a stretch of turf which many senior clubs would be glad to own. At the moment there are no covers, which means that the wicket is often soft, which makes for low scoring.

The first team had a poor season, drawing three matches and losing three.

The bowling was fair, Roberts doing good work both as captain, and as an opening

bowler. Deakin, Baird and Waugh also bowled well on occasion.

The batting was weak, only R. Deakin batting at all consistently. Rose-Innes and Kessel were others who sometimes made fair scores.

The fielding was of quite a high standard, with the possible exception of the slips, where rather too many catches were downed.

RESULTS

Against Boksburg High School at Delville, 30/1/52:

Boksburg, 103 (Roberts 2 for 28, Waugh 3 for 11, Bates 4 for 26).

School, 78 for no wicket (Deakin 65 not out).

Match drawn.

Against Benoni High School at Benoni, 13/2/52:

School, 91 (Kessel 23).

Benoni, 82 for 4 wickets (Deakin 2 for 8).

Match drawn.

Against Forest High School at Forest High, 16/2/52:

Forest, 89 for 6 wickets (Deakin 3 for 29, Waugh, 2 for 18).

School, 65 for 7.

Match drawn.

Against Springs High School at School, 1/3/52:

School, 109 (Rose-Innes 42).

Springs, 210 for 2 wickets.

School, 73 for 2 (Deakin 52 not out).

Lost on 1st innings by 10 wickets.

Against the Staff, at Delville, 5/3/52:

Staff, 83 (Roberts 3 for 25, Waugh 4 for 34).

School, 85 for 5 wickets (Deakin 38, Kessel 22).

Won by five wickets.

Against Athlone High School, at School, 8/3/52:

Athlone, 163 (Roberts 3 for 36, Baird 4 for 31).

School, 35.

Lost by 128 runs.

FIRST XI, 1952



Front row: A. N. Braid, D. Davies, A. C. Roberts (Captain), Mr. R. V. Davis, M. Kessel (Vice-Captain), R. B. Deakin, H. Rose-Innes
Second row: J. Waugh, H. Matus, D. Clarke, M. Honey, J. Baird, A. Rakusin

Against Marist Brothers (Inanda) at School, 15/3/52:

School, 54.

Marist Brothers, 85 (Roberts 6 for 50).

School, 81 for three wickets (Deakin 47 not out).

Lost on 1st innings by 4 wickets.

R. v. D.

Second XI

The season started off on a very damp note when we travelled to Springs for two overs and, with Springs Boy, with 5 runs on the board for no wickets,

returned home after rain had washed out all further play.

Scores for the rest of the term were:—
Vs. Florida High 1st XI, at Florida:

Florida: 104 for 3.

School: 31 for 1.

Match drawn.

Vs. C.B.C. at Germiston:

C.B.C.: 111 for 6.

School: 124 all out (Jordan 28, Rogers 37;

Allan 2 for 12).

Match drawn.

Vs. Benoni High at Benoni:
Benoni: 80 all out.
School: 42 all out.
Benoni won by 7 wickets.

Vs. Forest High, at Forest:
Forest: 68 all out.
School: 41 all out.
Forest won by 27 runs.

Vs. Athlone Boys' High, at Athlone:
School: 51 all out.
Athlone: 58 for 4.
Athlone won by 6 wickets.

Vs. K.E.S., at K.E.S.:
School: 71 for 8 declared (v.d. Merwe 21;
Jordan 2 for 23).
K.E.S.: 79 for 4.
K.E.S. won by 6 wickets.

Critique

Van der Merwe: a steady opening bat - must learn to call and run better between wickets.

Jordan: a very sound bat and good slow spinner—should develop into a good all-rounder.

Rogers: a neat stroke player and keen runner and fielder—of small physique but should go far.

Jackson: a sound keeper and neat bat.

Sayers: a fast bowler who should develop if he can keep a good length.

Broekhuizen: a good captain, opening bowler and sound bat.

Johnston: a very steady bat but so lazy and so careless at the wickets.

Allan: a clever stroke player and medium bowler.

Sperber: a stylish straight bat—can make runs if he concentrates.

Elias: a good bat—should also learn to call and run correctly.

Hunter: steady bat and useful bowler.

Edwards: Fair bat and useful fielder.

Gordon: very neat bat.

Boys who represented the 2nd XI and were subsequently drafted into the 1st XI or played for the 1st on occasions, are:

Stange, Matus, Waugh, Clarke, Botes.

We have plenty of material. What most boys need is a far greater amount of con-

centration at the wickets and out in the field in general. Learn to call, learn to run between wickets, and play cricket more seriously.

P.A.V.

Under 14

We had an enjoyable first team of cricket although of 8 games played we lost 6, drew 1 and won only 1.

Our best game was that against Marists (Inanda) with whom we drew. The scores were: Marists, 103 all out; School, 69 for 7 at close of play. The best performances on our side came from J. de Villiers with 19, and D. Mattheys with 16 and 3 for 15.

The game against K.E.S. was one I think the team will not forget. We won the toss and sent K.E.S. in to bat on a slow drying wicket which took no spin and of which they took full advantage by scoring 98 for 6 declared before tea. We then went in to bat and were all out for 6 in less than half an hour.

The regular players were C. Babb, H. Caganoff, Y. L. Gordon (Captain), H. Ross-Kent, J. de Villiers, M. Swanepoel, L. Sandler, W. Archbold, D. Mattheys, T. Jewelllyn and D. Russel.

On behalf of the team I should like to thank Mr. Morrison, Mr. Dry and Mr. Webb for the help they gave us.

Y.L.G.

Under 13

The team had a fairly successful first-half season this year. Too few games were played; thus not enough competition nor experience in games was provided for this age group.

There are several boys in this age group who are very promising. The most promising batsman is Banducci, who played some very good games for his side. Strydom, the captain, was perhaps the best bowler. Others in the team, who showed promise, are: Pieters, Le Roux, Miller, Gunn, Trollip, McKeown, Kotras. Boys who did not represent the team, turned out very well to net practices and they are to be congratulated for their good spirit shown this year.

B.M.



Front row: S. Fanaroff, Nicolson (Captain), M. Kessel.
Second row: C. Babb, L. van, P. Jackson.

TENNIS

First VI

Although the First VI again played tennis of a high standard they lost two close matches to C.B.C. whom we congratulate on being the new East Rand League champions. Another defeat, at the hands of Helpmekaar, resulted in our team sharing second place in the league with Benoni High School.

The team was: J. Nicolson (Captain), M. Kessel, P. Jackson, L. Evans, S. Fanaroff, C. Babb and H. Elias.

All tennis players, whether first team players or beginners, benefited greatly from the coaching given by Mr. W. R. Seymour, who recently became the Southern Transvaal champion and to whom go our sincere congratulations.

Mr. Morrison showed great interest and keenness as the Tennis Master. The players appreciate his hard work and are indebted to him.

Having lost our leadership in the league, we hope that the team next year will regain the shield for the Germiston Boys' High.

J.N.

Second VI

For the first time in many years the second team has done exceedingly well, being runners-up to Benoni in the East Rand Schools' Second League.

The team lost only one match and that was by a mere three games to the league champions. When they did win a match, they always had about twenty or thirty games to spare. They utterly defeated Voortrekker by obtaining ninety - two games to their seven.

Boys who played in the team at one time or another during the year were: R. Jordan, D. Jackson, H. Elias, C. Babb, D. Barker, H. Brand, G. Andrews, I. Deverson and G. Nicolson.

The second team deeply appreciates the hard work of Mr. Morrison and also the coaching of Mr. Seymour. They would also like to thank masters who were kind

enough to give up their afternoons to accompany the team on away-matches.

Next year, the players hope and will try their utmost to win the league and thus gain an honour for their school for which they are very proud to play.

H.B.

Critique

First VI:

J. Nicolson: An outstanding player who led his team in a fine, gentlemanly manner. He is to be congratulated on reaching the finals of the Under 18 Boys Southern Transvaal Singles Tennis Championship and also on winning the Germiston Lawn Tennis Singles Championship for 1952.

P. Jackson and C. Babb: Both promising players who should improve with the extra coaching given by Mr. Seymour.

M. Kessel: A good player, but one with so many other sporting activities that his tennis is somewhat neglected.

S. Fanaroff: An improvement in his service will make an enormous difference to his game.

L. Evans: His somewhat light-hearted approach tends to lower his standard of play.

Second VI:

In the Second VI there are many players who have shown considerable improvement and will be doing their best to become First VI players next year. They will be given every opportunity of doing so, and from next year a "ladder system" will be organised. In tennis ability our school ranks high in the Transvaal, and with the good material we have at present in the lower forms, our tennis future is indeed bright.

Southern Transvaal Under 18 High School Knock-Out Competition

This school entered a team consisting of J. Nicolson, M. Kessel, P. Jackson and C. Babb. The tennis played was of an outstanding quality and our school did exceedingly well to reach the semi-finals. The entry was the largest ever, and schools from many parts of the Transvaal entered. Our

school's tennis standard therefore is high and the boys are to be congratulated!

T.C.M.

RESULTS, 1952

First VI:

Vs. C.B.C.	lost 47-52
Vs. Benoni High School	won 54-45
Vs. Voortrekker Hoër	won 76-23
Vs. Helpmekaar Hoër	lost 42-57
Vs. Boksburg High	won 58-41
Vs. Helpmekaar Hoër	won 70-29
Vs. C.B.C.	lost 45-54
Vs. Benoni High	won 52-47
Vs. Voortrekker Hoër	won 71-28
Vs. Boksburg High	won 61-38

Second VI:

Vs. C.B.C.	won 68-35
Vs. Benoni High	lost 51-48
Vs. Voortrekker Hoër	won 92-7
Vs. Helpmekaar Hoër	won 67-32
Vs. Boksburg High	won 60-39
Vs. Afrikaans Hoër	won 82-17

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ATHLETICS

Annual Athletics Sports Meeting

We were pleased to find that a larger number of boys had entered than last year, but were disappointed at the general lack of interest shown in training for the various events. It had been decided that the different Houses should have fixed days for training with a view to having a better check on the turn out and providing more opportunity for intensive training. Masters willingly gave up their time for this, but only a few boys trained regularly. Too many were of the opinion that intensive training was not at all necessary. This casual attitude was the main reason why some boys collapsed during heats. No athlete can be proud of his performance if he has to be caught at the winning post and carried off.

The Athletic Sports Day proper was Monday, 22nd September. All field events had been decided the week before. The cross country races had proved to be as popular as in the previous year.

Smuts House was in the lead from the start. They were never seriously in danger

of losing this lead and finished as winners with 171 points; then came Botha with 144, Montgomery with 98, and Churchill, last year's winner, last with 82.

J. J. Gouws of Smuts House became Victor Ludorum by a clear margin. R. Vermeulen (Under 15) is to be congratulated on winning so many events in his age group, as well as the discus throwing (Open).

The Old Germistonians from the Germiston Callies Harriers ran an exhibition race which was an inspiration to us all.

A number of girls from the Girls' High ran in an invitation race. This event, won by Shirley Miller, was very popular.

We are grateful to the Parents' Committee who served tea and ran the mineral stalls, and to all parents who sent us such delicious refreshments.

We were pleased to see Miss Bergen, Headmistress of the Girls' High, at our meeting, and wish to thank her for graciously presenting the floating trophies and cups.

E. J. du P.

Results

1. High Jump (U. 13): 1st L. Banducci; 2nd J. Pieters; 3rd J. Shein. Height, 4ft. 3ins.
2. High Jump (U. 14): 1st H. Rose-Kent; 2nd B. Roux; 3rd F. Smook. Height, 4ft. 8ins.
3. High Jump (U. 15): 1st C. Bates; 2nd D. Baker; 3rd D. Liebenberg. Height, 4ft. 11½ins.
4. High Jump (U. 16): 1st D. Wilson; 2nd P. Doyle; 3rd W. Hines. Height, 5ft. 1½ins.
5. High Jump (Open): 1st J. J. Gouws; 2nd D. Wilson; 3rd A. Robertson. Height, 5ft. 2½ins.
6. Long Jump (U. 13): 1st K. Roos; 2nd R. Thorpe; 3rd E. Pieters. Distance, 14ft.
7. Long Jump (U. 14): 1st G. Roux; 2nd A. Simpson; 3rd T. Llewellyn. Distance, 15ft. 1in.
8. Long Jump (U. 15): 1st R. Vermeulen; 2nd C. Sayers; 3rd D. Baker. Distance, 16ft. 6ins.
9. Long Jump (U. 16): 1st L. Thompson; 2nd W. Hines; 3rd C. Sperber. Distance, 15ft. 11ins.
10. Long Jump (Open): 1st J. J. Gouws; 2nd R. Deakin; 3rd T. J. Sherman. Distance 18ft. 3ins.
11. Hop, Step and Jump (U. 13): 1st K. Roos; 2nd L. Banducci; 3rd N. Hattingh. Distance 31ft 1in.
12. Hop, Step and Jump (U. 14): 1st K. Walker; 2nd A. Simpson; 3rd T. Llewellyn. Distance, 31ft
13. Hop, Step and Jump (U. 15): 1st R. Vermeulen; 2nd J. Pieters; 3rd D. Baker. Distance 33ft. 11ins.

14. Hop, Step and Jump (U. 16): 1st P. Gerber; 2nd L. Thompson; 3rd P. Stathoulis. Distance, 37 ft 5ins.

15. Hop, Step and Jump (Open): 1st J. J. Gouws; 2nd H. Rose-Innes; 3rd R. Deakin. Distance, 36ft. 8ins.

16. 88 yards (Junior): 1st R. Vermeulen; 2nd C. Sayers; 3rd R. Jordan. Time, 2m. 25.8 secs.

17. 880 yards (Senior): 1st L. Gordon; 2nd D. Booyens; 3rd V. d'Oliveira. Time, 2m. 18.4 secs.

18. Cross Country (Junior): 1st D. Simpson; 2nd R. Smith; 3rd N. Warren. Time, 14m. 24.2 secs.

19. Cross Country (Senior): 1st E. Sprout; 2nd L. Gordon; 3rd J. Smit. Time, 18m. 12.2 secs.

20. Discus (Open): 1st R. Vermeulen; 2nd A. C. Roberts; 3rd P. Stathoulis. Distance, 98ft. 10ins.

21. Shot Putt (Open): 1st A. Robertson; 2nd R. Deakin; 3rd J. Smit. Distance, 25ft. 4ins.

22. 80 yards Hurdles (U. 13): 1st L. Banducci; 2nd N. Le Roux; 3rd N. Hattingh. Time, 12.7 secs.

23. 80 yards Hurdles (U. 14): 1st G. Roux; 2nd A. Cowling; 3rd R. Smith. Time, 12.5 secs.

24. 110 yards Hurdles (U. 15): 1st J. Pieters; 2nd D. Liebenberg; 3rd C. Sam. Time, 15.5 secs.

25. 110 yards Hurdles (U. 16): 1st D. Wilson; 2nd P. Stathoulis; 3rd N. Spargo. Time, 16 secs.

26. 110 yards Hurdles (Open): 1st J. J. Gouws; 2nd D. Clark; 3rd A. Braid. Time, 14.7 secs.

27. 100 yards (U. 13): 1st L. Banducci; 2nd R. Thorpe; 3rd N. Nathanson. Time, 12.5 secs.

28. 100 yards (U. 14): 1st G. Roux; 2nd L. Gordon; 3rd B. Roberts. Time, 11.8 secs.

29. 100 yards (U. 15): 1st D. Baker; 2nd R. Vermeulen; 3rd C. Sayers. Time, 11.1 secs.

30. 100 yards (U. 16): 1st P. Stathoulis; 2nd C. Sperber; 3rd D. Booyens and J. Swanton. Time, 11 secs.

31. 100 yards (Open): 1st J. J. Gouws; 2nd J. Baird; 3rd L. R. de Kock. Time, 10.5 secs.

32. 220 yards (U. 13): 1st L. Banducci; 2nd K. Roos; 3rd N. Hattingh. Time, 28.5 secs.

33. 220 yards (U. 14): 1st L. Gordon; 2nd G. Roux; 3rd B. Roberts. Time, 26.9 secs.

34. 220 yards (U. 15): 1st R. Vermeulen; 2nd D. Baker; 3rd C. da Silva. Time, 25.2 secs.

35. 220 yards (U. 16): 1st P. Stathoulis; 2nd C. Sperber; 3rd D. Booyens. Time, 24.7 secs.

36. 220 yards (Open): 1st J. Baird; 2nd R. Deakin; 3rd L. R. de Kock. Time, 24.2 secs.

37. Junior Mile: 1st C. Sam; 2nd G. Roberts; 3rd C. Jessiman. Time, 5m. 29.4 secs.

38. Senior Mile: 1st E. Sprout; 2nd L. Gordon; 3rd J. Waugh. Time, 5m. 17.8 secs.

39. 440 yards Relay (U. 13): 1st Smuts; 2nd Botha; 3rd Montgomery. Time, 58.8 secs.

40. 440 yards Relay (U. 16): 1st Smuts; 2nd Botha; 3rd Churchill. Time, 49.9 secs.

41. 440 yards Relay (U. 15): 1st Montgomery; 2nd Botha; 3rd Smuts. Time, 51.8 secs.

42. 440 yards Relay (U. 14): 1st Smuts; 2nd Botha; 3rd Montgomery. Time, 54.4 secs.

43. 440 yards (Open): 1st R. Deakin and L. Gordon; 3rd A. Braid. Time, 58 secs.

44. 440 yards (U. 15): 1st R. Vermeulen; 2nd C. Sayers; 3rd J. Pieters. Time, 57.8 secs.

45. 440 yards (U. 16): 1st D. Booyens; 2nd J. Smit; 3rd D. Strydom. Time, 58.9 secs.

46. Tug-o-war: 1st Smuts; 2nd Botha; 3rd Montgomery.

47. Staff Race: 1st Mr. du Plessis; 2nd Mr. Meyers; 3rd Mr. Roux.

48. House Relay (One Mile): 1st Smuts; 2nd Botha; 3rd Montgomery. Time, 4m. 2.5 secs.

49. Old Girls' Race: 1st Shirley Miller; 2nd Elizabeth Munro; 3rd Felicity Watson. Time, 10.9 secs.

Inter School Athletic Sports

ON Friday, 26th September, a train with some six hundred heads cramming its windows, curved past the lake and stopped at the Germiston Lake Station. The heads left the windows and a crowd of green and dark blue blazers made their way towards Delville athletic sports field where they were expectantly awaited by their hosts, the boys of the Germiston Boys' High. Black and mauve pennants fluttered at the winning post, the loudspeaker was being tested out, the score board stood ready, volunteers were giving out programmes, and all was set for the first triangular athletic meeting between Springs Boys' High, Marist Brothers, Inanda, and Germiston Boys' High.

Soon the smoothly working organization was set in motion and it was clear from the start that there was going to be a hard-fought duel between Springs and Marists. The first four races set the pattern for the day: the first three, or even four, to pass the winning post were athletes either in green-barred white vests or dark blue ones, with Germiston boys well back, like perfect hosts leaving the honours to their guests. In the fifth race C. Sayers apparently thought this was being rather overdone and won the 880 yards (Under 15). His example was, however, followed by only three other boys: L. Banducci, who tied for first place in the 100 yards (Under 13), J. J. Gouws, who won the long jump, and R. Vermeulen, who not only won the 220 yards (Under 15), but ran it in .4 seconds less than the winner of the open event. We congratulate these four, and also those who gained second

places: D. Wilson (high jump), P. Stathoulis (220 yards, Under 16) and, again, R. Vermeulen (440 yards, Under 15).

Seven first and second places out of a possible forty-four (for individual races) is little enough to be proud of. Looking at the meeting, however, from a general point of view, all found it most exciting and successful, the two visiting teams both making a spectacular bid for first place. Springs led most of the way, but Marists passed their score three times. The final relay race provided a fitting climax to the day, for just before it Marists led by one point. Spectators were on their feet for most of this final race and the jubilant Springs boys saw their team take the lead, win the race and the match—by one point!

Final scores were:

Springs, 111; Marists, 110; Germiston, 38.

Head prefect de Kock called on his school to prove that they could at least cheer and Germiston gave their visitors a well deserved roar.

Cross-Country Race

THERE was a good entry for this race again this year, although, as has previously happened, many who could have, didn't, while a certain number who really couldn't, did—or at least tried to—for the honour and glory of their Houses.

In reporting this event this year, your chroniclers have had the services of a number of spies, a secret agent or two, and at least one downright informer, and it is as a result of the efforts of these gentlemen that we are able to put before you the following tidbits of information. For their accuracy, however, we take no personal responsibility whatsoever, so that, should you find yourself aggrieved in any way, O gentle reader, you may do anything you like about it except bother us.

Well then, to begin with, we are informed that one Third Former, not being quite the most athletic-looking of those who entered for the junior event, nevertheless contrived, to the surprise and subsequent expense of certain of his friends, to finish the course. It appears that, like Yellow Dog Dingo, he had to. Unlike that fabled animal, however,

he had no need to go away thirsty afterwards, having by his unremitting efforts earned the solace of a bottle of a popular and highly taxed beverage much in demand among schoolboys of the thirstier sort.

From the same source we have it that his perseverance so gained the admiration of certain members of the Germiston Traffic Department that they severally and jointly congratulated him on his performance. (Dare we, do you think, utter the unworthy suspicion voiced by one of our cloak and dagger boys, that these gentlemen had not heard anything about that bottle? On the whole we rather think we'd better not.)

Our very own General Entrant — more power to his best foot — showed his form again. Cowling (111A), we salute you. We freely admit—as those who saw us putting up our chronicular performance on a subsequent occasion will confirm—that we could not, for any inducement whatever, have come 17th in the junior race and 34th in the senior event which followed. Such arithmetical accuracy is beyond us.

From an independent source comes our next bit of information. It is to the effect that the winner of this year's Comrades Marathon ran, in the course of his training, a distance roughly equivalent to 40 times the length of the race for which he was preparing. We wonder how many of those who entered for our own endurance test could produce similar figures. We think ourselves unlikely to be contradicted if we publish the result of our researches, so here it is: O.

Seriously, though, there are always a number of fellows who enter in a state of unfitness, and then flog themselves in a vain effort to achieve what their untried muscles simply cannot attain.

The senior race was won, according to expectations, by E. Sprout, who led by 200 yards from L. Gordon as he broke the tape. J. Smit finished third, about the same distance behind Gordon.

Hot favourites for the junior event were Sam and McConnell (111B), but, as happens with some frequency in the world of sport, this forecast was upset. Simpson of IID surprised everyone else—and just possibly himself as well—by coming in first. Sam arrived among the first six; but

McConnell had the misfortune to collapse about 400 yards from home and was accordingly unplaced.

And lastly, by way of a parting shot, our informer gives us the inspiring little picture of Rakusin (3C) sprinting for dear life for the first 200 yards of the junior race and then, finding the end not yet in sight despite his heroic effort to reach it before his wind gave out, sensibly abandoning the lost cause.

Colours

For Rugby: J. J. Gouws, H. Rose-Innes, K. Marshall, J. W. Baird, A. C. Roberts.

For Cricket (additional 1951 colours): A. C. Roberts and H. Rose-Innes.

For Tennis: J. Nicolson, M. Kessel.

For Athletics: J. J. Gouws, E. Sprout, L. Gordon.

Magazine Prizes

For English: J. Doig.

For Afrikaans: V. V. D'Oliveira.

OLD GERMISTONIAN SOCIETY

Resumé of Activities Over the Past Year Annual General Meeting

The annual general meeting was held in May of this year. The meeting was well attended, and together with the social which followed, proved to be a great success. The Chairman remarked upon the great strides made by the Society over the past year.

The Society presented the Girls' High and the Boys' High with two paintings.

The committee for the year 1952/53 consists of:

Chairman: H. J. Baird.

Vice-Chairman: L. Weeks.

Secretary: Claire Davis.

Treasurer: Maureen Greenaway.

The following will also serve on the committee: Patricia Thompson, Cynthia Steedman, and Beth Watson, P. Ford, E. Prior, H. Nijland. Glenn Green represents the school.

Old Germistonian Magazine

In June of this year the committee purchased a duplicating machine for £25. The committee decided to publish a small monthly magazine. Mr. L. Weeks is to be congratulated on the hard work he has put into the producing of this magazine.

Tennis

The Society has now acquired the use of three Tennis courts at Delville. Although this section has not been as great a success as the previous year, it continues to thrive. We are, however, appealing to more members to support this section.

We're Proud of this Old Germistonian

Every O.G. is proud of Sidney Brenner. Why? This is why. Sidney spent 4 years at the Germiston High School. Unlike so many of us, he was a conscientious and hard-working young boy. Today, eleven years after having passed his Matric. Sidney is reaping the benefits of his hard work.

Here then is a brief outline of his brilliant career.

Sidney matriculated at the age of fourteen. He was awarded a bursary by the Germiston Municipality, which enabled him to go to University.

During his first two years at Wits. University, Sidney studied Medicine. After this he decided that he would prefer to study Science. At the age of seventeen he obtained his B.Sc. Degree. One year later he obtained Honours in the same Degree. Sidney passed his M.Sc. Degree, at the age of twenty. He then became a Lecturer at the Witwatersrand University.

Sidney was full of energy. During one of his vacations, he did archaeological research in the Kalahari Desert.

In 1947, he was the President of the Students' Representative Council. In 1948 he was Director of N.U.S.A.S.

At this stage Sidney decided to resume his Medical studies. Three years later he qualified as a doctor.

Sidney was awarded the Industrial Research Scholarship in 1946. In 1950 he won the Victor Kark Scholarship. This year he won the Royal Commission Exhibition Scholarship of 1851. Sidney is now doing research work at Oxford University, under the famous British scientist, Profes-

sor Cyril Hinshelwood. After completing his two years at Oxford, the last named Scholarship enables Sidney to travel to any part of the world to study. He intends studying further in New York.

Yes, we really are proud of Sidney Brenner (O.G.) and wish him all the luck in the future.

1st. Annual Ball

This event proved to be a great success. We estimate that of the 600 people who attended the Ball, well over 300 were Old Germistonians. All thanks must go to the hard-working committee. They worked unceasingly and gave up much of their time. Thanks are also due to the many business houses in Germiston, who gave us their whole-hearted support.

At the main table were seated many well-known Germistonians. Among those present were the Deputy Mayor, Mr. Stewart, Mr. H. C. Robinson, who is President of the Society, Mr. J. B. Lees, Mr. H. Pienaar, and many more. Unfortunately Mr. J. G. N. Strauss, M.P., another of our Vice-presidents, could not be present.

2nd. Annual Ball

Our Second Annual Ball will be held in City Hall on Friday, 27th February, 1953. Masterkeys Personal Eight Dance Band will be in attendance. The catering will be handled by Messrs. Dave Tuckers of Johannesburg.

The committee are determined to make as big a success of this ball as did their predecessors of the First Ball. Work evenings are being held twice a week, in a great effort to raise extra funds, for the purchase of articles for the "Fish Stall," where we hope to make at least £100 on the night of the Ball.

The main object is to make this ball an even greater success than the first.

Congratulations to:—

Mr. Allan Jay, on his having won a bursary, enabling him to study in the U.S.A.

Mr. Issy Bloomberg, on representing South Africa at the Olympic Games.

Brian Murphy and Allan Jay, who are to represent Eastern Transvaal at the forthcoming South African Tennis Trials.

Arnold Raats, on his fine performance at the South African Athletic Trials at Cape Town in March this year.

Joan Glass, who has now become engaged.

Margaret Plank, also engaged.

Trevor Wellbeloved, on the occasion of his marriage.

Fair Catch

Fishing boats, each with trawl,

Listening for the foghorn's call,

Or the Watch's mighty hail,

As steam gives way to sail.

Nets are hauled, nets are cast;

Riding lights upon the mast,

Rowing boats bring in the catch,

Men stand by to open hatch;

Down they go, down below,

Adding to the large cargo;

Then at last when day is done,

The homeward voyage is begun.

By John Doig, 3D

Sonnet to a Schoolboy In the eyes of a grown man)

A schoolboy never thought of school,

Or of his dull routine,

But lived in lands, where schoolboys rule,

And teachers ne'er are seen.

His ruler was his faithful blade,

His pad his battered shield,

The teacher was his slave, unpaid,

The room, the battle-field.

He fought his numerous duels with glee,

His steed a captured toad,

Then many were his foes to flee,

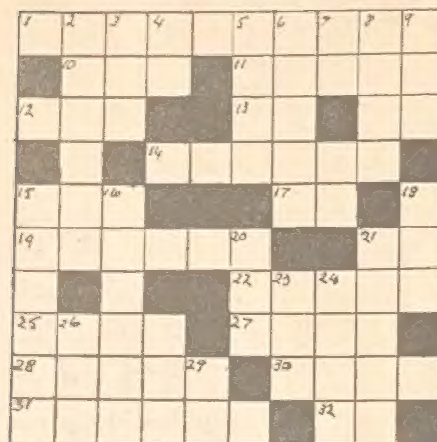
From where the red ink flowed.

And thus a schoolboy lived his life, in times
both old and new,

And many were his thoughts of strife,
but of his studies, few.

By John Doig, 3D

Crossword Puzzle Competition



This competition is open to all Forms. Put your solution of the puzzle in an envelope and give it to Mr. Dry. A book prize goes to the first correct solution opened on Thursday, 27th November, 1952.

ACROSS.

1. A great soldier—well known at Germiston Boys' High.
10. High shot in tennis.
11. Of some worth.
12. Sitting on this would be painful.
13. Each, in bookkeepers' language.
14. Winners of this season's cricket league in England.
15. It has permanent waves.
17. Part of the infinitive.
19. A shelter during war.

21. Accusative of "I".
22. Ex Prime Minister of England.
25. You hit it with a hammer.
27. Gentle warning from car-drivers.
28. A sound often heard in cricket.
30. You swim in it.
31. A colour.
32. A river in Northern Italy.

DOWN.

2. First name of the boy who "asked for more."
3. Makes nonsense of sense.
4. Christmas stamps are sold to fight this disease.
5. 8 balls bowled in cricket.
6. A month in Afrikaans.
7. First part of the name of an imaginary and very rich country.
8. A gem.
9. In the affirmative.
15. A nickname, perhaps.
16. Part of a wireless.
18. We can do this with our eyes.
20. It is worn on the head.
21. Bad grammar of "I also."
23. A popular boys' toy.
24. (30) Across, backwards.
26. Beer, perhaps.
29. Short for "knock out."

S. Fanaroff Form 3A.

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